



2023
Honorable Mention
Girl Scout
Humanitarian



Lillian Spencer

Gold Award Girl Scout
Pittsburgh CAPA

Gold Award Project: *Mural Madness:
How Art Can End the Alienation of Minorities*

Lillian's Girl Scout Gold Award, "Mural Madness: How Art Can End the Alienation of Minorities," brought diversity education to YMCA summer camps throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. Working with a diversity expert from the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, she researched the proper language and methodology to teach empathy and the importance of representation while still acknowledging her own privilege.

She painted three large mural panels with various portraits and brought them to YMCA summer camps where she conducted educational workshops with over 150 students. Alongside several volunteers and camp counselors, the kids learned about the importance of including others and

embracing their own individuality through art, games, and several storybooks. The mural panels were completed with the kids as everyone participated in an open discussion about the issues at large. Lillian believes that by having these conversations early on, we can encourage our future generations to be kinder and more equitable, leading to a better world for all.

Lillian will be pursuing psychology and fine art in college, where she hopes to continue her work in diversity education through public mural projects. Throughout high school, she has worked as Student Council Co-President, partaking in clubs such as Mock Trial, National Honor Society, and a volunteer-tutoring organization.

Girl Scouts has given me the bravery necessary to tackle global issues present within my own community and beyond.

—Lillian Spencer