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Teen Set to Soar as One of the Nation's First Female Eagle Scouts

*This Young Woman is Set to be Among Hundreds in the
Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts*

(Wichita, KS – October 15, 2020) Miracle Dutton, with Troop 1031 of Caney, KS, made history on October 14 when she became one of the nation's first female Eagle Scouts – a prestigious achievement attained by some of the country's most noteworthy figures. Miracle is among hundreds of young women who will make up the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts.

“Earning the rank of Eagle Scout takes hard work and perseverance, and we are honored to recognize Miracle for this significant accomplishment,” said Quivira Council Scout Executive Brian Nastase. “Along the journey to Eagle Scout, young people gain new skills, learn to overcome obstacles, and demonstrate leadership among their peers and in their communities. These benefits are invaluable for everyone, and we are thrilled that they are now available to even more youth.”

Young women have been part of Scouting for decades in co-ed programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), including Sea Scouts, Venturing, and Exploring. The BSA expanded that legacy further in recent years by welcoming girls into Cub Scouts and then into Scouts BSA last February. Scouts BSA is the program for youth ages 11 to 17, previously known as Boy Scouts. Since then, tens of thousands of young women throughout Kansas and across the country have joined the organization's most iconic program, with many, including Miracle, working their way toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Miracle had an unconventional start to Scouting. She started as a youth volunteer with Order of the Arrow before joining a Venturing Crew and eventually a Scouts BSA Troop in 2019. “My first day in troop 1031, I made it my goal to become one of the first female Eagle Scouts,” said Dutton.

Eagle Scout is the program's highest rank, which only about 6% of Scouts achieve on average. To earn it, an individual has to take on leadership roles within their troop and their community; earn a minimum of 21 merit badges that cover a broad range of topics including first aid and safety, civics, business, and the environment; and they must research, organize and complete a large community service project.

Miracle worked with the Construction Trade Department at Independence Community College and Volunteers to build an ADA compliant ramp for the Historic Little White Schoolhouse in Caney, KS. What was slated to be a simple project soon became a labor of love and even another project that will help her complete her Summit Award (the highest rank in Venturing).

In addition to gaining skills that last a lifetime, individuals who earn the esteemed Eagle Scout rank can reference it for academic, vocational, and military recognition, including scholarships and advanced enlistment grade.



About Boy Scouts of America, Quivira Council

Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America, serves over 9,000 youth and 2,500 adult volunteers in 30 central and south-central Kansas counties. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law by providing programs such as the Alternative Spring Break.

Quivira Council was incorporated on March 11, 1918, chartered by the Rotary Club of Wichita. Since then, it has been our honor to instill in the youth we serve the values and traditions that make Boy Scouts of America stand apart in the crowd. If you are not involved in Scouting today, please let us know how we can serve you by calling (316)-264-3386. Join the adventure today!

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