

GIRL SCOUTS

Lau, Wharton win Gold Award

Lexington Girl Scouts Allison Lau and Veronica Wharton received their Girl Scout Gold Award pins on Wednesday, June 22.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can achieve. More than a good service project, the Gold Award is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community whether local or global, creates change, and is something that becomes ongoing. Only about 5 percent of all Girl Scouts earn this award each year.

Lau's Chinese Cultural Awareness Campaign raised awareness about Chinese orphans and educated the community on Chinese culture. Lau worked with volunteers to create a pen-pal relationship with the Chi Feng Welfare Institute in Mongolia, and then created a series of three public events within her town that focused on Chinese culture and traditions such as Chinese knotting, dumpling making and Chinese care cards. Children and adults alike participated in the events and children from the Chinese school Lau teaches at were able to better connect with their culture. Lau also created the China Care Club at her school to further raise awareness and continue to promote cultural programs in the future.

Wharton's Scarecrows in the Park project worked with community members to create a Halloween community art project centered around the construction of scarecrows. Wharton had 38 teams participate during one



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event and seven other teams participate in another workshop. Another important aspect of the planning and execution of the project that she focused on was getting community teens involved. Whar-

ton is passing along all of the planning, instructions, tips and marketing items to the Munroe Center for the Arts, as they would like to make it an annual family event.

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