

# Two Girl Scouts receive Gold Awards

Andover Girl Scouts Alicia Bursey and Emma Sundberg received the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Girl Scout Gold Award pins at a ceremony at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Marlborough.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can achieve.

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. The project is more than a good service project - it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills.

Only about 5 percent of all Girl Scouts earn this award each year.

Alicia Bursey's project, "Bringing Facts about Smoking into Elementary Health Curriculum," was created when Bursey discovered that the health education budget had been severely cut in Andover, only allowing for a few weeks of general health education during gym classes.

Bursey wanted to ensure that an anti-smoking and anti-drug curriculum was taught, so she led a group of friends and volunteers to research and create up-to-date lesson plans on each topic, according to a release



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**Andover Girl Scout Alicia Bursey poses with Ruth N. Bramson, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. Emma Sundberg was not in attendance but also received a Gold Award pin, the highest honor.**

from the Girl Scouts.

Later she introduced the curriculum to the classes and worked with her team to revise the plans as necessary. Bursey gave the plans to the school physical education department to utilize each year until the budget is restored ensuring that the children of Andover receive adequate and fun prevention education.

Emma Sundberg project,

"Super Science," was a result of her love for biology.

She decided to teach science lessons at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. Her goal was to increase the children's enthusiasm for the subject, according to a release from the Girl Scouts. Sundberg spent a great deal of time on creating lesson plans and original handouts. She worked with a volunteer assistant to teach the classes.

