

# TOUGH COOKIES

DEVELOPING STRONG,  
RESILIENT, CONFIDENT GIRLS



GIRL SCOUTS IS THE PLACE  
WHERE GIRLS GROW THEIR  
CONFIDENCE.

**TOUGH COOKIES LUNCHEON**

**APRIL 4, 2024**

**OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER**

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## LUNCHEON MENU

### Cobb Salad

Sliced marinated grilled chicken atop an Arcadian blend with hard-boiled egg, sweet corn, fire-roasted bell pepper, diced Roma tomatoes, and house-blend shredded cheese.

### The Girl Scout Lemonade

Lemon curd smeared plate with crumbled Lemonades, toasted meringue, and garnished with blueberries and raspberries.

### The Girl Scout Adventureful Brownie Trifle

Chopped Adventurefuls cookies and brownie pieces folded into white chocolate mousse and salted caramel topped with chocolate shavings.

## WELCOME

Emily Blue  
Board of Director's Chair and Luncheon Chair

## LUNCH

## VIDEO

Girl Scouts: The place where girls grow their confidence

## THE POWER OF GIRL SCOUTS

Marcela Rodriguez, Interim CEO

## INTRODUCING OUR MODERATOR & PANELISTS

Noor Haideri, Marissa Johnson,  
Caroline Place and Ella Swanson  
Teen Girl Scouts

## THE CONFIDENCE CONVERSATION

## OUR INSPIRING PANELISTS

Fahteema Parrish, Pooja Shah and Dani Welniak

## MODERATOR

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## JOIN US IN GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONFIDENT LEADERS

Emily Blue

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# Thank You to Our Inspiring Panelists & Moderator



“We should always encourage girls to let their light shine bright, illuminating the way for others without ever dimming your own radiance. It’s about creating those safe spaces where everyone’s voice is not just heard but celebrated.”

**Fahteema Parrish**  
President & Founder  
Parrish & Sons Construction

“Building confidence is critical to helping girls reach their full potential and unlock their unique skills that would move us toward a more equitable future. We should provide girls the tools and the encouragement to step outside of their comfort zones, take risks and not fear failure.”

**Pooja Shah**  
Senior Consultant  
DNV Energy USA



“Being confident means walking into a room and knowing you deserve to be there. It means being proud of yourself – not because of your accomplishments - but in all of the unique qualities that make you who you are.”

**Dani Welniak**  
Vice President Communications  
Kansas City Current

**Haley Harrison-Lee**  
Media Relations Director  
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