



MaKynzee Gaddy

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I am C.U.T.E.

MaKynzee Gaddy has been a Girl Scout for five years and is in Troop 659 in Service Unit 620. She is currently a junior at Lee's Summit North High School.

For her Gold Award Project, MaKynzee addressed how girls of color are portrayed in a negative light on social media, television and throughout society. To combat the negative stereotypes, she created a program called I am C.U.T.E. to teach girls that they can attack that negativity by being Confident, understanding their Uniqueness, showing their Talents and being Enthusiastic.

MaKynzee worked with schools, Girl Scout troops and educational groups throughout her community to deliver her I am C.U.T.E. program. The national sorority, Delta Sigma Theta has requested the program to be a permanent part of the Delta Academy program where they work with young ladies in 6th – 8th grades. UMKC has also requested the program be use at their Women of Color Conference.

Because of Girl Scouts...I have gained amazing leadership skills. I have benefited from the sisterhood of Girl Scouts. Girl scouts has also given me the opportunity to travel to Branson, St. Louis and the Lake of the Ozarks to give me a better understanding of Missouri. Not only did I learn from these trips, I had tons of fun with my Girl Scout sisters. I also had the opportunity to go camping to experience roughing it.