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Preserving Trenton High School History

E'Lizabeth Neal has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 8081 in Service Unit 820. She is currently a junior at Trenton High School.

E'Lizabeth's Gold Award project addressed the issue of a lack of archival information for Trenton High School Alumni. Trenton High's library reached out to Girl Scouts for assistance with creating a database of yearbooks and information for the robust alumni community that wanted access to past yearbooks and data. The Alumni Board paid for an advanced scanner and E'Lizabeth scanned 12 decades worth of yearbooks. After the database was created she saw a positive response from alumni from all over the world who were able to access information and remember their time at Trenton High School.

E'Lizabeth worked with Trenton High School staff and the R9 School and Alumni Boards to get the necessary supplies, find yearbooks to scan and create the database. By preserving the rich history of the high school, E'Lizabeth has contributed to a more positive alumni experience that will continue to grow. Students at the high school will continue to add to the database by scanning additional yearbooks and updating with current yearbooks.

Because of Girl Scouts... I learned to run meetings and speak in front of people over my many years of World Thinking Day Ceremonies, Rewards Banquets, Girl Scout Sunday Church services, and public volunteering. I am very shy but Girl Scouts gave me the opportunities I needed to find my confidence.