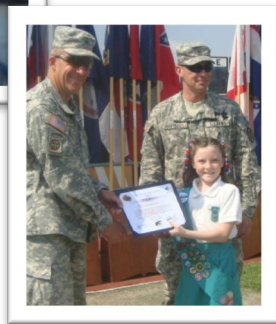




**Caroline Bennett**

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## Registering Informed Youth to Vote

Caroline Bennett has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 84 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a junior at Park Hill South High School.

Caroline's Gold Award project addressed the topic of voter registration among people ages 18-29. In the 2014 midterm elections youth turnout was only 16%. Caroline worked with her high school and other local groups to help students register to vote, learn about political issues, and inform students about the candidates on their 2018 ballot. Caroline created an easy step-by-step packet for future Park Hill South students so the school can continue to have registration booths before every election.

Throughout this experience, Caroline learned that being a go-getter doesn't mean you have to do it alone and that being a leader sometimes means asking for help. She hopes her hard work will continue to impact her community and inspire the younger generation to be life-long voters. Caroline's project registered 21 new voters, and as a result of her leadership, each one voted on Election Day.

**Because of Girl Scouts, I always have a place. I'm an Army brat and have moved 9 times. Every time I moved, my mom immediately found a Girl Scout troop for me to be involved in. I always was welcomed by my Girl Scout sisters to the new community and instantly had a group of friends.**