



Celebrate Gold



Kripa Gauba

Overland Park, KS



A Day at the Capitol

Kripa Gauba has been an Indy Girl Scout for 11 years in Service Unit 675. She will be a senior in the fall at Blue Valley West High School. After high school graduation, Kripa plans to pursue a degree in Interdisciplinary Science & Business.

Kripa's Gold Award project creates an opportunity for middle and high school aged girls to get involved in the political system with a "Day at the Capitol." Working with her existing non-profit, GirlsLead Co, she was able to bring politicians and girls together to talk about government and policy. The day consisted of meeting Gov. Laura Kelly, speaking with various legislators and elected officials regarding their work, watching House and Senate Sessions, and touring the Kansas Statehouse! The project fostered civic engagement, leadership development, and community change, inspiring future generations of female leaders.

In addition to this amazing event in Kansas, Kripa created a "playbook" for changemakers in other states to organize their own "Day at the Capitol" to extend this impact nationwide. Through her non-profit, GirlsLead Co., she'll be able to continue organizing events in Topeka and reaching girls nationwide. She also created a website (www.girlslead.us) and Instagram (@girlsleadco) that provide resources for girl empowerment and engagement, in addition to year-round workshops and programs that have reached more than 200 girls in Kansas City.

Because of Girl Scouts...I discovered my inner strength, developed a passion for leadership, and gained the confidence to make a lasting impact in my community.