



# Celebrate Gold



## Kendall Carey

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## Clardy Elementary Butterfly Garden

Kendall Carey has been a Girl Scout for 10 years in Troop 592 in Service Unit 606. She will be a senior in the fall at Oak Park High School with plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at Northwest Missouri State following graduation.

Kendall's Gold Award project brings STEM experiences centered around nature to elementary school students in her community. She created a butterfly garden that engaged more than 60 students as they learned about butterfly lifecycles and the ways they benefit the ecosystem. In addition to the experience at the garden, she created teaching resources and donated books on butterflies to Clardy Elementary.

Through the experiences at the butterfly garden, children were able to see the lifecycle of butterflies first-hand rather than learning from videos and books. This real-world learning will only further help these students develop critical thinking and STEM skills. The garden will be cared for at the school through a Daisy Girl Scout troop and through school staff, meaning it will be available for future students to enjoy and learn from.

**Because of Girl Scouts...I have had many exciting experiences that I wouldn't have had without Girl Scouts. I have grown as a young woman and have made life long friends.**