

Local Girl Scouts on a mission to cookie success



FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Girl Scout Junior Troop 2154 is on track to meet a sky-high goal of 10,000 packages, with support from local residents. The 17-member troop is led by Leslie Schumann, who said she relies on key volunteer support this time of year from “cookie moms” Brandi Moreland and Jenny Martinez.

The troop plans to use their earnings for camp and other outdoor activities, as well as a trip to San Francisco in April – where the fifth graders will “bridge” to Cadettes, the next program level of Girl Scouting for grades 6-8. The girls will also donate funds to a local charity.

Troop 2154 supports Operation Thin MintSM, a local service project through which cookie customers can support the U.S. military with “a taste of home and a note to show we care.” Since the project’s inception in 2002, the public has donated more than 3 million packages of cookies and countless handwritten notes to deployed military troops and local veterans.

By participating in the cookie program, Girl Scouts practice the goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics and prepare for their futures as the next generation of female leaders.

When the 2020 Girl Scout Cookie Program began Jan. 26, Girl Scouts rolled out a brand-new cookie: Lemon-Ups! Each zesty, crispy cookie will include a message of leadership, such as “I am an innovator” or “I am strong,” to inspire girls and cookie customers.

For the sixth consecutive year, Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-si-dos, Trefoils and Tagalongs are \$5 per package, as are the new Lemon-Ups. Two specialty products – Girl Scout S’mores and gluten-free Toffee-tastics – are \$6 each because of higher production costs.

All net cookie revenue stays local to fund programs in science, technology, engineering and math, outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship. Cookie proceeds also support the financial assistance that keeps Girl Scouting available and affordable for all.

Girls in grades K-12 and adult volunteers are welcome join Girl Scouts at any time during the year; camp registration is now underway. Find details at www.sdgirlscouts.org, or contact Fallbrook recruitment specialist Victoria Vazquez at (619) 610-0708 or vvazquez@sdgirlscouts.org.

Submitted by Girl Scout Troop 2154.

Fallbrook residents Emma K., Emma V. and Allie S. of Girl Scout Junior Troop 2154 are helping their Girl Scouts troop fund a world of adventures with their cookie earnings.

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Palomar College among top 100 producers of associate degrees for minorities



A study names Palomar as one of the U.S. institutions with the highest number of minority graduates, as ranked by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.

SAN MARCOS – Palomar College is one of the nation’s top colleges when it comes to helping minority students earn their associate degrees, a recently published study has found. The study by Diverse places Palomar College 73rd out of the top 100 higher education institutions in the category.

The data shows that in 2018, some 59% of Palomar College’s graduates were minority students, with 1,211 students earning an associate degree. It was an 8% increase over the previous year’s tally of minority graduates.

“Palomar College is committed to helping all students succeed in their educational journeys. This report indicates that Palomar is serving the entire community and driving educational diversity in the region,” Dr. Jack Kahn, acting superintendent and president, said.

According to the study, Palomar was one of just four of the region’s 10 community colleges to make the Top 100 list. The full results can be found at <https://diverseeducation.com/top100/pages/index.php>.

Submitted by Palomar College.

UDallas students named to fall 2019 dean’s list

IRVING, Texas – Nearly 500 University of Dallas undergraduate students were named to the fall 2019 dean’s list for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher, including Teresa Brodak and Angela Allen of Fallbrook.

The University of Dallas, located in a metropolitan area of nearly 7 million people, is a leading Catholic university widely recognized for academic excellence by well-known publications, organizations and accrediting bodies.

Submitted by University of Dallas.

Enrique Gomez of Fallbrook named to the fall 2019 president’s list at Georgia State University

ATLANTA – Enrique Gomez of Fallbrook has been named to the fall 2019 president’s list at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the president’s list, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 4.0 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State University during the fall or spring term with no incompletes for the semester. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all classes taken at Georgia State.

Georgia State University, an enterprising urban public research university, is a national leader in graduating students from widely diverse backgrounds.

Submitted by Georgia State University.

Neal named to dean’s list

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Ashlynn Paige Neal of Fallbrook was named to the University of Alabama dean’s list for fall 2019.

A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall term at University of Alabama were named to the dean’s list with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the president’s list with an academic record of 4.0.

The University of Alabama dean’s and president’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The University of Alabama, the state’s oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education.

Submitted by the University of Alabama.

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