



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Celebrates 2017 Leading Women

The 25th Annual Award Ceremony Honored Four Inspirational Massachusetts Women

(Boston, MA) - Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts CEO Patricia A. Parcellin and Board Chair Tricia Tilford are pleased to celebrate the honorees for the 25th annual Leading Women Awards ceremony. This special breakfast event took place on Thursday, April 6, 7-9:30 AM, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

This year, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts honored **Phyllis Barajas**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Conexión; **Linda Connly**, SVP, Enterprise Customer Advocacy & Strategy, Dell; **Danielle Curcio**, Vice President of Engineering, Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems; and **Jessica T. Donohue, PhD**, Executive Vice President, Global Head of Performance & Analytics, State Street Global Services.

Girl Scouts have been encouraged by strong women role models for more than 100 years. In keeping with tradition, exceptional young women within the council individually introduced each of this year's honorees at the awards ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, the girls had an opportunity to meet with the honoree whom she introduced.

"Our history is filled with talented, accomplished, inspirational women, working hard to positively impact their communities and the world," says Parcellin. "Strong girls become strong women. We are so honored to recognize these four women, who are such incredible role models for the girls of eastern Massachusetts."

Building strength and confidence in girls is the cornerstone of Girl Scouts' mission. Girl Scouts allows girls the opportunity to take risks in a safe and supportive environment, challenging them to try new things and subsequently building their confidence. Armed with this assurance, girls go on to do great things: leading peers and others, innovating and forging new paths, and thinking outside the box to benefit their family, community and beyond.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts embraces diversity and inclusion and is committed to ensuring all girls in eastern Massachusetts, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Girl Scouts has honored more than 200 women and four men with the Leading Women Award since its inception in 1992. The prestigious [list of honorees](#) includes individuals with outstanding careers who have made a significant, positive impact in an impressive array of fields.

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We're Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts — 50,000 strong, with 35,000 girls and 15,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts. The 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States, we're here to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, please visit www.gsema.org.