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26<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Breakfast Badge Awards

Honoring Women Who Shine

Thursday, December 8, 2022



## **Our Mission**

*To build girls of courage, confidence, and character,  
who make the world a better place.*

## **Girl Scout Promise**

*On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.*

## **Girl Scout Law**

*I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

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# Welcome from the CEO & Board Chair

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our 26th Annual Breakfast Badge Awards event! We could not be more thankful that you've joined us this morning as Girl Scouts of Connecticut honors **Women Who Shine!**

We are thrilled to be recognizing three female leaders who have made outstanding achievements in creating solutions and programs for their communities. Francine Farkas Sears, Jendayi Scott-Miller, and Melanie Sinche have each made a tremendous impact in the lives of women and girls. They have removed barriers to basic human needs, led and supported women and mothers in advancing professions, and mentored students as they navigated their education and future careers. They have truly practiced and lived by the Girl Scout promise to help people at all times and mission to **make the world a better place.**

Everything a Girl Scout does is centered on our Four Program Pillars: STEM, Life Skills, Outdoors, and Entrepreneurship. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is designed to meet her where she is now and to grow along with her. Recently, Girl Scouts has sharpened our focus on mental health and wellness. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we pivoted our entire programming to be delivered virtually. We engaged our girls' parents and families and provided experiences in their own backyard. And we continue to look for new, creative ways to expand our programming so that we can reach more girls.

Today, you will hear more about **Girl Scout STRONG**, a twelve-session program aimed to cultivate confidence, problem solving, conflict resolution, and self-respect in middle and high school aged girls. **Girl Scout STRONG** helps girls unleash their ambition through a deeper understanding of themselves, their peers, and the world around them. They thrive in a safe environment in which they can try new things and be who they want to be. The girls who participate find inner strength in the Girl Scout sisterhood and are better positioned to combat the challenges of adolescence and thrive in adulthood.

In addition to hearing from our three amazing honorees, we are honored to have keynote speaker, Elizabeth Driscoll Jorgensen, an accomplished consultant and author of *Delay Your Gray: How to Keep Your Teen Safe and Yourself Sane*, a book based on her 30 years of experience with adolescent and adult psychotherapy and counseling.

Thank you once again for being here this morning. We hope you will find this morning's program to be inspirational and you will learn a little more about the power of Girl Scouting.

And please join us in congratulating our 2022 Breakfast Badge honorees: Francine Farkas Sears, Jendayi Scott-Miller, and Melanie Sinche.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Diana Mahoney  
Chief Executive Officer



Pamela Scagliarini  
Chair, Board of Directors

# Welcome from the Event Chair

Greetings and welcome, friends!

Thank you for joining us at our 26th Annual Breakfast Badge Awards today. We are delighted to gather in person to celebrate local *Women Who Shine*. This event would not be possible without your generous support - so, thank you!

This morning, we honor three phenomenal women who are creating change in their communities — Francine Farkas Sears, Jendayi Scott-Miller and Melanie V. Sinche. Please join me in congratulating our 2022 Breakfast Badge Award honorees. We hope you will enjoy their stories of success as we present them with their own unique badge.

You are here today not only to salute these trailblazing honorees but also because you care about the development and advancement of Connecticut girls. You believe in our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character – girls who will ultimately make the world a better place. And because our girls are at the heart of what we do each and every day, you will also have an opportunity to hear from some of them today.

Girl Scouts of Connecticut serves over 18,000 girls and more than 9,200 adult members statewide — and while these numbers may seem daunting, we are equipped to do so because of your support! Your belief in our girls combined with your investment in them is crucial; because of our collective efforts, our Girl Scouts are dreaming big, exploring new interests and sparking their imaginations. We know that girls who dream become women with vision. Our girls are learning pivotal, lifelong skills to take the world by storm. It is critical now more than ever that we continue to build their confidence and develop their leadership skills.

Thank you again for attending today's event. It is our hope that you leave here feeling inspired and better informed about our work and impact.

Wishing you a joyful holiday and a new year filled with good health, happiness and prosperity.

Warmly,

Tricia Hyacinth  
Event Chair

# Awards Program

## **Breakfast & Welcome**

**Tricia Hyacinth** - Event Chair & Board Member

## **Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law**

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## **Remarks**

**Diana Mahoney** - Chief Executive Officer

**Liz Jorgensen** - Keynote Speaker

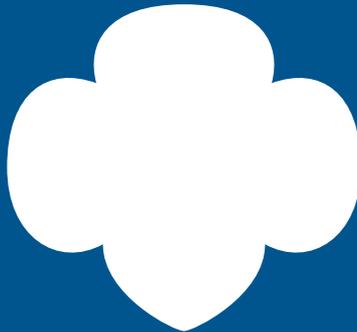
## **Mission Moment**

## **2022 Breakfast Badge Award Honorees**

Francine Farkas Sears  
Jendayi Scott-Miller  
Melanie V. Sinche

## **Closing Remarks**

*Reminder Silent Auction Closes at 8:30 a.m.*



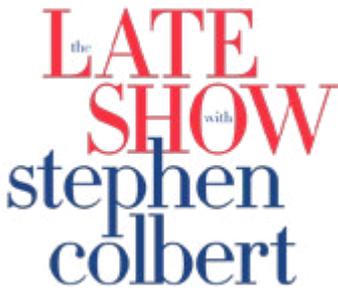
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## 2022 Breakfast Badge Award Honorees



### **Melanie V. Sinche, NCC**

*Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs  
Director, Career Development Center and  
Executive Director, Women's Leadership Center  
at the University of Saint Joseph*



### **Jendayi Scott-Miller**

*President & CEO,  
Angel of Edgewood, Inc.*



### **Francine Farkas Sears**

*President, Women in Business Ltd.  
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## Keynote Speaker



### **Liz Jorgensen**

*Owner, Insight Counseling  
Consultant to Newport Healthcare*

A nationally recognized expert in adolescent counseling, Liz is the owner and director of Insight Counseling in Ridgefield as well as a consultant with Newport Health Care, a national adolescent and young adult treatment system. Liz is also a consultant to many independent and public schools, treatment agencies, and is a popular speaker on topics related to mental health, parenting and clinical work with young people.

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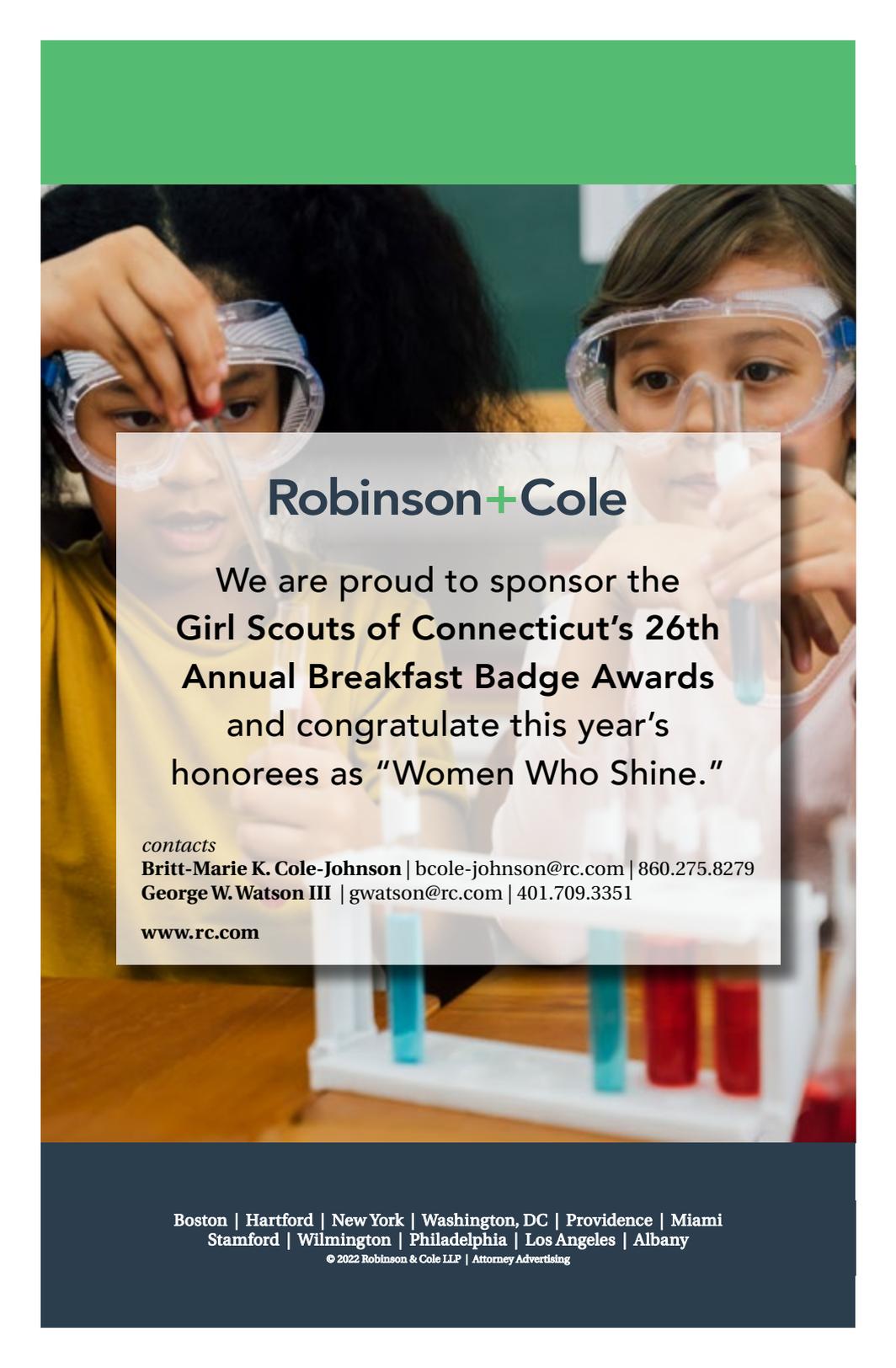
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A photograph of two young girls in a science laboratory. They are wearing clear safety goggles and holding test tubes. The girl on the left is adjusting her goggles, while the girl on the right is looking at a test tube. In the background, there is a white rack holding several test tubes with colored liquids (blue, red, yellow).

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We are proud to sponsor the  
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and congratulate this year's  
honorees as "Women Who Shine."

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**- Sheryl Sandberg**

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We are proud to support the Girl Scouts of Connecticut and the work that they do to build girls of courage, confidence and character. Congratulations to all of today's Breakfast Badge honorees.



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**We congratulate this year's  
"Women Who Shine" honorees!**

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