2022 Board Slate Background

BROWN, Jessica

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Tempe**

- Jessica Brown loves being outdoors and finding the next adventure. She spent her first year of college in a wilderness and leadership program, then graduated with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in Early Childhood Development from Arizona State University.
- Jessica has many years of experience working with children and teenagers at camps, early literacy programs, swimming lessons, and as a preschool teacher, and youth leader.
- Jessica started her troop when her 9-year-old was in kindergarten with six of her classmates. Now, the troop has 75 girls. She loves being a leader for her daughters' troop and helping girls learn, explore, and challenge themselves to make the world a better place.

CAMARGO, LUPE

GSACPC Board Chair **Tempe**

- Lupe Camargo has a strong connection to Arizona and the needs of women and girls in our state. She has supported and advised the local Girl Scouts council in many capacities for fifteen years, including as a parent, troop leader and long-time board member. As a Certified Financial Planner, she works with small business owners and families to support their life goals through financial planning.
- Lupe held management positions with Amoco, US West, and Honeywell, and has served as a board member of the Hispanic Business Alumni of ASU, The National Society of Hispanic MBAs, the Finance and Pastoral Council of Holy Spirit Church, and as Treasurer for the Mothers Guild at Xavier College Preparatory.
- Lupe has a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Arizona State University, and a master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Texas at Austin.

KILLEBREW, Ella

Nominee, Girl Member (term, 2022-2025) **Phoenix**

- Ella Killebrew is a Senior in troop 2595 and has been a part of Girl Scouting for over ten years where she has the opportunity to learn and exercise leadership, teamwork, and decision-making. As a National Girl Delegate, Ella does her best to embody these traits and those in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Ella believes all Girl Scouts should have equal opportunities and access to learning experiences to help them cultivate their talents, understand their value, and find their voices.
- Ella earned her Silver Award by helping a local senior-living center and is grateful for the positive and supportive community that Girl Scouts has given her. She plans on using her skills to represent each troop and girl's interests.

LEE, Allison

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Chandler**

- Allison Lee was a girl member of Arizona Cactus-Pine Council from Brownie to Cadette. When she graduated high school, she followed in her mom's footsteps and became a Unit Counselor at Shadow Rim Ranch in Arizona.
- Allison is a Junior High Physical Education teacher, which allows her to teach during the school year and work in Europe during summer breaks. Her leadership experience as a Program Director at Camp Lachenwald in Germany, instilled in her the importance of Girl Scouting and the limitless opportunities it could bring to girls.
- Allison has been her daughter's Troop Leader for more than six years, and started a second Daisy troop with a Co-Leader. She is very involved with the West Chandler Service Unit, taking on the roles of Recruitment and Encampment Manager for the neighborhood.
- Allison has volunteered at the Council level helping with events such as Songfest and Vol-Con. This year, she received the Volunteer of Excellence Award. Through her broad and unique perspective, she always enthusiastically strives to show all girls how far their girl scouting experience can take them.

MENDOZA, Courtney

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Chandler**

- Courtney Mendoza began her journey in the Mile Hi Council in 1985 because of her mother's time in Girl Scouts. After her incredible experience as a Girl Scout, Courtney longed for the day when she could introduce her daughter to the Movement. She has been a parent volunteer for GSACPC since 2000 and has held many positions within troops and service teams. She is currently the Leader for Troop 4207 and Registrar for the East Chandler Service Team.
- Courtney is empowered to mentor those in her troop, learn their leadership styles, and ensure girls have diverse opportunities to create a sustainable future where they can make the world a better place. Her love for the Girl Scout Movement has become a passion she shares with anyone who will listen.
- Courtney owns and operates a black-owned business specializing in custom tees, blankets, tumblers, and bags. Courtney is a (GIRL) Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, and Leader--and she hopes to inspire more girls and women to do the same.

MITCHELL, Mary

GSACPC Co-CEO **Phoenix**

- Mary Mitchell is currently the Co-CEO of Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council and serves as a co-lead and member of the council's senior leadership team. Over the course of her 23 years at the organization, she has held various roles in the areas of fund development, finance, volunteer services, membership, and community engagement. She also serves as the senior advisor and co-lead for the organization's work related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Governors State University (GSU) in Chicago, and an Associate in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from South Mountain Community College. She completed extensive coursework in Public Relations at Arizona State University, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, prior to transfer to GSU. Additionally, Mary has completed expansive coursework at Grand Canyon University for an Executive MBA.
- Mary is a 2017 Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Fellow, a recipient of the 2020 YWCA Tribute to Leadership Award and 2020 Phoenix Mercury We Believe in Women Award.
- Mary currently serves as a Board Member for Arizona Legal and Women Youth Services and is a member of the International Women's Forum-AZ, AZ Community Foundation, African American Women's Giving and Empowerment Circle, and is a graduate of Valley Leadership, Class 26. She can be found sitting with leaders from a wide spectrum of disciplines, engaging in conversations centered around deep questions that matter and that create action and systemic change.

ROJOLEMUS, Manuel

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Glendale**

- Manuel Rojolemus is a distinguished Marine Corps veteran, former preschool teacher, facilitator, former Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine council staff member, and currently holds a Lifetime Membership with Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council.
- Volunteering has been a passion for Manuel throughout the years, over 15 years to be exact, from empowering young ladies in the Girl Scout movement that has spread over a couple of councils to now joining the ranks of accomplished volunteers and peers.
- Manuel has established himself as a national presence within the organization to be able to create, facilitate, and strengthen the organization that he proudly represents.

SPICER, Christina

GSACPC Co-CEO **Phoenix**

- With 18 years of experience, Christina Spicer is a veteran in the Phoenix nonprofit community. She held a position at notMYkid, a local nonprofit organization, as the director of the Clear Choices program. Clear Choices engaged teens in discussions about drug and alcohol use, body image disorders, depression, etc.
- She holds a BS in Communication and a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Arizona State University.
- After six years at Teach For America- Phoenix, Christina joined the Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council in 2014.
- Christina was the Deputy Director for Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council. She was responsible for overseeing programmatic operations (girl program, product program, and camp), fund development, marketing, and the overall strategic direction of the council.
- As of October 1, 2022, Christina stepped in as the Co-CEO of Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council.

WITTE, Sarah

Nominee, Girl Member (term, 2022-2025) **Phoenix**

- Sarah Witte is a Girl Scout Ambassador in Phoenix, Arizona. She will graduate from Paradise Valley High School in 2024 with a focus in engineering and culinary arts.
- School clubs she participates in are National Honors Society, FFCLA, Society of Women Scholars, and Eclectic club. Outside of school, Sarah expresses her creativity by being an art teacher assistant for an elementary school.
- Sarah has been an active member of Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council for 12 years. Her empathy and compassion for others is expressed through her dedication to community service.
- A great achievement for Sarah has been earning both the Bronze and Silver award by helping local homeless and low-income communities.

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HILL, Alyssa

Nominee, Girl Member (term, 2022-2025) **Fort Mohave**

- Alyssa is currently in the 10th grade and has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. She has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards and is completing the required journeys so she can work towards her Gold Award Project.
- She was recently selected to serve on the GSACPC Board of Directors as a Girl Advisory Member. Alyssa has also been a member of the Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Voice Committee since it started two years ago.
- Between 2021 and 2022, she was selected to attend (3) three different Girl Scout destinations. In 2021, her first destination was Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. This past summer Alyssa attended STEM destination in Dallas, Texas and as well the Animal Care Destination in Clearwater, Florida.
- Alyssa is very active in her troop, neighborhood, and council events. In 2020, she helped her troop plan and organize a trip to Savannah, Georgia for (9) nine days where they learned more about Juliette Low and Girl Scouts. As a service team member in the Colorado River Service Unit, Alyssa helps plan events with the service unit manager, and helps keep inventory of cookies during cookie season. She enjoys learning about leadership and service.

HOOGSTRA, Holly

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Chandler**

- Holly Hoogstra is a third-year student at Arizona State University triple majoring in Anthropology, Geography, and Secondary Education with a focus in mathematics. She will graduate next year and begin a career in education.
- She is serving in her second year as a Brownie leader for Troop 1264 and has been involved in Girl Scouting since kindergarten. She became a Lifetime Member after graduating from high school knowing that she would return as a troop leader.
- As a girl member, Holly attended the 2017 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, and in 2020 earned her Gold Award. Her Gold Award project entitled “Mindful, not Mind Full” aimed to implement a mindfulness curriculum at her high school. Girl Scouting has given Holly countless opportunities to connect with and give back to her community.

PATCHETT, Sandra

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Glendale**

- Sandie Patchett is a Sales Support Coordinator at Cox Communication. She is proud to be a lifetime Girl Scout member who began her journey as Brownie in a Bagdad, Arizona.
- When her daughter’s troop needed a leader, Sandie stepped in and led several troops in Glendale, Arizona. She volunteered in many positions such as Cookie Manager, Service Unit Manager, and lead several encampments. She also volunteered at her children’s school on the PTA fundraising committee and as a high school band treasurer.
- Sandie serves the council as a member of the Silver Committee and Cookie Advisory Committee. As a council trainer, she trains girls and adults on the importance of First Aid/CPR & AED, Outdoor Skills, and several workshops.
- Sandie has also volunteered with the Fiesta Bowl Committee, Aspire Academy, now with the Super Bowl Host Committee.
- She is a Grand Canyon University graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master’s in Business Administration.

VAN DER WERF, Kaitlyn

Nominee, Adult Member (term, 2022-2025) **Glendale**

- Kaitlyn is currently in 10th grade and homeschooled. She has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten, and it has had a big impact on her life. She has learned many things, made lots of friends, and has had amazing experiences because of Girl Scouting.
- Kaitlyn is also a member of the Girl Voice Committee and attends the Product Advisory Committee meetings.
- Some of her interests include art, music, animals, and traveling. She enjoys traveling to Disneyland and is the proud owner of (6) six pet rats!