Scouting America
Mecklenburg County Council

2025 Good Scout Award Luncheon In Review

More than 530 Mecklenburg County Council friends and family attended the annual 14th Annual Good Scout Award Luncheon. The luncheon is always a great time of fellowship among the Scouting community as well as an opportunity to celebrate amazing Scouts and Scouters. The event kicks off MCC's Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees, Mecklenburg County Council raised $514,000 in support of Scouting!

Good Scout Award recipient **Ejay Tan's** Eagle Scout rank is one of many accolades he has earned. Ejay also received the US Congressional Medal, earned his Taekwondo black belt and served as Front Ensemble Lead in his high school marching band. He is also the captain of his school robotics team. In addition to his many activities, he gave over 400 hours back in service. He also served as junior camp staff at Camp Grimes.

Ejay has earned 52 merit badges with two of his favorites being aviation and engineering. He intends to pursue a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Five Scouts from Troop 39: **Brayden Cope, Luke Hawkins, Ryan Williams, Trevor Sessa, Zachary Jones,** and leader, **Jason Yepko** were recognized with the Scouting America Medal of Merit for their extraordinary act of awareness and teamwork.

As they were travelling to Camp Grimes in October, they noticed a burning church in Shelby, NC. They pulled over, called 911 and worked to extinguish the fire. They were able to save Calvary's Cross Baptist Church. Their efforts prevented the fire from spreading into the sanctuary. According to Cleveland County Fire Chief, Troop 39's action "prevented a total loss of the building."

Troop Committee Chairman Geoff Sessa says, "These young men exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in a real-world emergency. Their initiative and bravery reflect an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others."

Eagle Scout and Good Scout Award recipient **Reed Coleman** grew up in a Scouting family participating in family camping trips with her parents and brothers. She joined a troop when she turned 11. At age 14, Reed became part of the Camp Grimes staff and eventually started Venturing Crew 11, where she earned her Eagle rank.

Reed has been active in Scouting as a camper; camp staff; troop and crew member; the first female Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief; MCC Venturing President; and, most recently, CST Venturing Vice President.

Bernie Funck's life has been guided by service, leadership, and a deep commitment to helping others reach their fullest potential.

After graduating from Indiana University and five years of active duty in the 82nd Airborne Division, Bernie and his wife Elizabeth relocated to Charlotte.

Bernie's Scouting journey began in 2002 when his oldest son, Jack, joined Troop 162. With the help of volunteers, Bernie supported 48 Scouts in earning the rank of Eagle — including Bernie's three sons, Jack, Nick, and Alex.

Bernie has served on the MCC Board for 3 years. He and his son Nick have chaired MCC's Sporting Clays event, which has raised over $1,000,000 for Scouting in the past six years.

Congratulations, Bernie for receiving the Corporate Citizen Good Scout Award.

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