



Caitlin  
Carter

Caitlin Carter, Overland Park, Kansas, is a junior at Shawnee Mission West High School. She has been in Girl Scouts for 11 years participating in Troop #212, Service Unit 636.

For her Gold Award project, Caitlin wanted to give the freshmen students in her high school a head start on their future career opportunities by organizing a Career Day. Caitlin contacted community members from different career fields asking them to donate a few hours to speak to interested freshmen. She worked with the speakers on points to cover including classes to take, how they became interested in that particular career and what the interested student should expect when entering that field. Caitlin gave much thought to the organization of the day and wanted students to feel they could ask any question, so she decided smaller groups would be a more effective approach.

"I was very proud of the career day, and I appreciated the students' time in completing an evaluation that would help plan for future years," said Caitlin.

Through her Gold Award project, Caitlin grew in her leadership skills including interpersonal communications, organization and project management.

**2009  
GOLD  
AWARD  
RECIPIENT**

