

# MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

## Scouts Win National Award

**RAFI AHMAD**, Life Scout, age 17, from Troop 1 in Chicago, Illinois

**RISHAB JAIN**, Eagle Scout, 19, from Troop 728 in Beaverton, Oregon

**ALEXANDER KNOLL**, former Cub Scout, 19, from Post Falls, Idaho

**MATEO LANGE**, Life Scout, 15, from Troop 5 in Petoskey, Michigan

**ARMANDO PARRISH**, Eagle Scout, 18, from Troop 81 in Richardson, Texas

**TE'LARIO WATKINS II**, Second Class Scout, 16, from Troop 4026 in Pataskala, Ohio

**Made Headlines:** For being named national winners of the 2023 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes.

**The Scoop:** The Barron Prize selects 25 outstanding young leaders for their positive contributions to community and the environment.

Rafi founded **Operation Viridis**, a nonprofit that increases tree cover in low-income and minority neighborhoods in his city to reduce climate-caused risks. His Eagle Scout project is related to this work.



Rafi Ahmad

Rishab developed a biomedical tool called **ICOR**, which uses artificial intelligence to help with rapid production of vaccines and addresses rising pharmaceutical costs.



Rishab Jain



Mateo Lange

Mateo formed a community recycling program that has raised \$200,000 for more than 50 local youth organizations. His funds have also helped offset school lunch costs for struggling families.



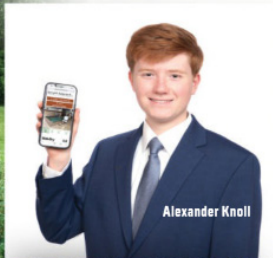
Armando Parrish

Armando established the nonprofit **Project Lorenzo**, which works to end homelessness by providing technology certification courses and job assistance to people living in shelters.



Te'Lario founded **The Garden Club Project**, which donates produce to food-insecure families in his community, as well as vegetable seed kits to schools and community groups. Te'Lario was previously featured in the September 2020 issue of this magazine for his nonprofit as well as his business, Tiger Mushroom Farms.

Te'Lario Watkins II



Alexander Knoll

Alexander created the **Ability App**, a web app for people with disabilities. Users can search mobility, vision, hearing and cognitive accessibility at public spaces and businesses around the world.

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