MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Scouts Win National Award

RAFTI AHMAD, Life Scout, age 17, from Troop 78 in Chicago, Illinois
RISHAB JAIN, Eagle Scout, 16, from Troop 73 in Beaverton, Oregon
ALEXANDER KNOLL, Star Scout, 15, from Troop 1 in Park Ridge, Illinois
MATEO LANGE, Life Scout, 15, from Troop 3 in Petaluma, California
ARMANDO PARRISH, Eagle Scout, 16, from Troop 88 in Richardson, Texas
TELARIO WATKINS II, Second Class Scout, 14, from Troop 40/76 in Petaluma, California

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

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

RAFTI founded Operation Zone 24, 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.

MATEO formed a community recycling program that has raised $120,000 for more than 50 local youth organizations. His funds have also helped our local school lunch costs for struggling families.

TELARIO founded the Goodie Club Project, which donates food to homeless facilities in his community as well as vegetables to schools and community groups. He was generously featured in the September 2023 issue of his magazine for his nonprofit as well as his volunteer efforts at Montgomery Farms.

ARMANDO established the nonprofit Project Lorenzo, which works to end homelessness by providing a systematic certification course and job assistance to people living in shelters.

ALEXANDER created the Ability App, a mobile app for people with disabilities. Users can search mobility, vision, hearing, and cognitive accessibility at local spaces and businesses around the world.

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