

*Aspiring Biomedical Engineer and Architect Each Awarded
\$1,000 Scouting Scholarship at Catalina Council Eagle Recognition Dinner*

270 attendees honor 52 Eagle Scouts' service projects



Aspiring Architect Devin Dessy, instructs volunteers for his Eagle Scout service project at the Agua Caliente Elementary School Nature Trail.

TUCSON, ARIZ (March 21, 2023) – Scholarships, awards, and cash prizes were presented to Eagle Scouts at the annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, held by Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at the Pima Air & Space Museum recently. 52 Scouts were recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; the highest rank in Scouts BSA is only achieved by 3 percent of all Scouts.

Each of the 52 Scouts had to complete a service project. “Donating time and effort is a great way to shape young men and women as future leaders, as well as gaining real-world skills and

benefiting communities,” said Jeff Hotchkiss, Scout Executive/CEO of Catalina Council, BSA. In addition to the recognition at the event, three cash prizes and two scholarships totaling nearly \$3,000 were awarded to Eagle Scouts Devin Dessy, Joshua Reposo, Gabriel Maskey, and Jesse Seamon for their service projects.

Dessy, a Kasser Family Scholarship recipient, also took home a \$300 prize for his Eagle Scout service project. He revitalized the nature trail and outdoor learning area at the Agua Elementary School with the creation of a new drainage way to alleviate flooding and the construction of a new footbridge for students to cross over the new drainage way. The project also helped him determine what to pursue after graduating high school. “I really enjoyed working on the design part of my project, and decided to major in Architecture at the University of Arizona starting this Fall,” Dessy said. “I am very honored to have been awarded the Kasser Family Scholarship to help me achieve my dream.”

The second Kasser Family Scholarship recipient, Reposo, created two climbing igloos for the goats at Reid Park Zoo out of recycled lumber for his service project. Raposo has been involved in Scouting for 11 years and worked his way up to Patrol Leader. He graduated from Catalina Foothills High School in 2021 and now studies Biomedical Engineering and Italian at the University of Rhode Island, South Kingstown, RI.

Maskey was awarded \$500 for his Richardson Elementary School Playground Renovation—a service project involving the construction of new curbing, fixing play equipment, and replacing sand to make the playground safer for children. A \$100 award went to Seamon for his work restoring the concession trailer for the Ironwood Ridge Music Association.

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