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## Lindsay Ferretti Becomes Darien's First Female Eagle Scout

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In an exciting "first" in Darien Scouting, Lindsay Ferretti was honored Sunday as Darien's first female Eagle Scout.

- an announcement from Darien Scouts

Lindsay has always been involved in community service, as an altar server at St. John Church, a volunteer at Person-to-Person, and even helping rebuild a home in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

After just a few weeks in Troop 219, Lindsay was chosen to be the senior patrol leader as the girls attended their first week ever at Camp Sequassen summer camp.

For her Eagle project, Lindsay lead a team painting over 50 yellow fire hydrant locater markings on telephone poles to aid firefighters in quickly locating the closest hydrant in an emergency.

Lindsay is also a member of Darien's STEM Venture Crew 353, most recently serving as vice president. She earned membership in the Order of the Arrow and serves as the vice chief of administration.

Outside of Scouting, Lindsay is a member of the Noroton Heights Fire Department.

She is currently a senior at Marymount School of New York where she plays varsity lacrosse, serves as a eucharistic minister, is co-vice president of the Met Club, and a member of the Science of Cooking and Environmental Science clubs.

After graduation, she plans to attend college to study math and engineering. Lindsay also received the YWCA's Young Women of Distinction Award in 2021 in recognition of her leadership and community service.

#### **Becoming an Eagle Scout**

The Eagle rank requires years of commitment to Scouting and community service. Scouts must hold leadership positions within their troop, earn 21 merit badges in fields ranging from outdoor skills to

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citizenship to personal management, and lead a large community service project.

At minimum, earning Eagle rank takes 20 months, with most Eagle Scouts making their way up the ranks over the course of five or six years. Lindsay worked diligently from her first day in Troop 219 through the challenges of the pandemic to earn her Eagle rank in just two years! This is no surprise when you consider her achievements across school and community throughout her teenage years.

Darien Scouting congratulates Lindsay on this impressive achievement!

#### Girls, Ages 11 to 18 in Darien Scouting

In 2018, Boy Scouts of America opened its ranks to girls, starting with elementary age Cub Scouts and expanding in 2019 to include girls ages 11 to 18. Darien eagerly established a new troop for girls under the new Scouts BSA umbrella, choosing #219 after their Feb 2019 start date.

In the past two years, Troop 219 has tripled in size and actively participates in the same campouts, hikes, climbing, water weekends, and summer camp activities that Darien Boy Scouts have been doing for more than 105 years.

Darien Scouting is open to all youth, grades K-12 and offers adventure, fun, leadership opportunities, and impactful community service experiences. Visit <u>www.darienscouts.org</u>