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Girl Scouts of the USA CEO Sets Sights on Two Kansas Events

Sylvia Acevedo to attend Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland STEM event and Leadership Luncheon as Keynote Speaker

WICHITA, Kan. – Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is pleased to announce Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA, Sylvia Acevedo, will attend “Innovation Soars with Spirit” on Feb. 20, a science, technology, engineering and math event in partnership with Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. and serve as keynote speaker at the third-annual Leadership Luncheon on Feb. 21 hosted by the Juliette’s Pearls Leadership Society, whose mission is investing in girls to build tomorrow’s community leaders.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is honored to host Acevedo, a lifetime Girl Scout with a background in entrepreneurship, STEM, and innovation, as well as a steadfast commitment to girls’ success in their own lives and in the world. A sudden move from her hometown in New Mexico brought her to Girl Scouts, forever changing her life. Acevedo’s troop provided her with experiences not widely available to girls of her background at the time, showing her what leadership looked like and inspiring her to pursue new goals. Fast-forward a few years and Acevedo was graduating as one of the first Hispanic students earning a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University with an MS in industrial engineering and a Bachelor of Science with honors in industrial engineering from New Mexico University. Beginning her career on a high note, she worked as a rocket scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She would later go on to serve in executive and business development roles at REBA Technologies, Dell Computer Corporation, Autodesk Inc., Tandem Ungermann-Bass, Apple Computer, and IBM.



In partnership with Spirit Aerosystems, Inc., Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland proudly announces “Innovation Soars with Spirit”, an evening full of STEM activities for local Girl Scouts on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 5:30 p.m.

to 7:30 p.m. Acevedo will spend time with Kansas Girl Scouts as they activate their innovative side while they make squishy circuits, build a plane out of cookie boxes, experiment with a Lego station and compete in airplane races, circuit games, and more. The Wichita Area Technical College FutureMaker Mobile Learning Laboratory will be on-site hosting hands-on activities that inspire girls to reach new heights while Acevedo shares her story and celebrates the power of every girl.

“At Spirit AeroSystems, we’re excited to host Acevedo and Girl Scouts in our community to celebrate and encourage what we do best – create and innovate,” said Stacy Cozad, Spirit senior vice president and General Counsel. “We understand how important it is to offer support and mentoring for the next generation of female leaders, engineers and builders, because their success is critical to the future of our business and industry”

The following day, Acevedo will attend the third-annual Juliette’s Pearls Leadership Society Luncheon as keynote speaker. The luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas Ave. in Wichita, Kan. This Leadership Luncheon is part of the society’s efforts to raise funds and awareness for Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, ensuring girls across the state have the opportunity to participate in critical girl leadership experience programs that help them thrive now and in the future as leaders.

In order to launch the Girl Scout Movement in 1912, Juliette Gordon Low sold her valuable necklace of rare pearls to support the organization and its mission. Just like Low, the members of the Juliette’s Pearls Leadership Society want to ensure Girl Scouts continues to help girls discover, lead and make their communities and the world better for generations to come. The annual Leadership Luncheon raises funds to support girls in 80 Kansas counties served by Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. Businesses across the state have pledged their support to the luncheon and our Kansas Girl Scouts futures. Sponsors include notable companies such as Eby Construction and Trade Partners, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., an Anonymous Lifetime Girl Scout, and many others.

A limited number of tickets to the Leadership Luncheon are available for purchase. The public can go online to kansasgirlscouts.org/jpls or [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) to purchase tickets for \$100 per person to this luncheon supporting Kansas Girl Scouts. For more information or to become a member of the Juliette’s Pearls Leadership Society, contact Kelly Leonard, Donor Relations Manager at 316-684-6531 or kleonard@gskh.org. Members of the media are welcome to attend both events.

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About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 15,000 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls’ healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

