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***American Heritage Girls Proudly Celebrates
Lexi Born, Longtime AHG Member
and ‘Better Business Bureau 2021 Students of
Integrity’ Scholarship Winner***

*This AHG Standout Also Achieved AHG’s Stars & Stripes Award,
the Highest Honor Available in the Program*

CINCINNATI, Ohio — *American Heritage Girls* (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org) — one of the world’s largest Christian, scout-type organizations—has long dedicated itself to building young women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Not only does AHG offer hands-on badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, outdoor adventures, virtual connections, and more, but AHG emphasizes Christian values and family participation. Now, the organization proudly celebrates one of its own. Lexi Born, a longtime AHG member, a recent graduate of Madeira High School and now a college student, has been named a Better Business Bureau’s 2021 Students of Integrity (SOI) Scholar. [The SOI Scholarship](#) is an ethics-based essay competition; recipients are chosen by an independent panel of judges. Currently a freshman at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Born plans to pursue her interests in the law and the environment.

Says AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay, “Involvement in an AHG Troop offers girls tremendous opportunities for developing their skills in leadership and service. Lexi Born is a living embodiment of our program. She joined AHG many years ago as a kindergartener and eventually achieved the highest award possible for our members—our Stars & Stripes Award. We are so proud of Lexi for all she’s done and are excited to see what she accomplishes in the future!”

Lexi Born earned her AHG Stars & Stripes Award by completing a literary-focused project. As a diligent teenager, she built six bookshelves and collected 650 books to donate to a lower-income elementary school. *Said Lexi Born about AHG, “AHG has helped foster one of the biggest themes in my life—building integrity.”*

Adds Garibay of the Stars & Stripes Award, “Our goal is to equip young women with the tools they need to grow from godly girls to women of integrity—and the Stars & Stripes Award is a prime example of that goal. It teaches girls perseverance, self-respect, and a strong feeling of satisfaction.”

[AHG’s Stars & Stripes Award](#) allows young women the opportunity to: identify a need in their community and create a plan to achieve it; lean into God through prayer, seeking Him for strength, insight, and passion; show

what it means to create a worthy experience for their peers; and put their time, hard work, organizational skills, and determined commitment to use for an outcome for which they and their families can be proud of for many years to come. Achieving this Award consists of earning a minimum of 16 badges, holding a Girl Leadership Position, earning a Faith Award, and completing a life ambition essay and resume, all in addition to the major service project.

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At *AHG*, girls ages five to 18 meet together as [a single Troop](#) at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives *AHG* girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. *AHG* Troops are located in [local communities](#) across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the *AHG* Program to their own area. An *American Heritage Girls* Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form [a new Troop](#). To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, [click here](#).

Today, there are [Troops](#) in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a [Trailblazer](#) and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as [Charter Organizations](#) for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

The “*Raising Godly Girls*” radio feature and [Raising Godly Girls blog](#) shares guidance and biblically based advice on many key topics affecting girls today. It gives parents, educators, and faith community leaders a set of tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to assist in raising girls after God’s own heart. The “[Raising Godly Girls Minute](#)” with [Patti Garibay](#) airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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To inquire about airing the “[Raising Godly Girls Minute](#)” with [Patti Garibay](#), contact [Michael Hamilton](#), 610.584.1096, ext. 101.