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## **OSSINING COLLEGE SENIOR TO REPRESENT GIRL SCOUTS AT COPENHAGEN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE**

Pleasantville, NY — Emily Rodriguez of Ossining has been selected to represent Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, December 7-18, 2009. Along with two other young Girl Scout adults from the United States, Sarah Kelty from Kentucky and Maria Panaccione from West Virginia, she will be part of a delegation of 19 young women from around the world, ages 18-25, who will represent the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) at the conference.

Presently a senior majoring in environmental studies and sociology at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, Rodriguez, 21, was an active Girl Scout in the Ossining and Yorktown areas from ages 5 to 18. Along the way, she earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest girl recognition in Girl Scouting. She is now a registered lifetime member.

This past summer, Rodriguez was the 100th Anniversary intern at GSUSA's national headquarters in New York City. As such, she helped develop guidelines for "Girl Scouts Forever Green," a community action project being developed for the 100th birthday of GSUSA in 2012. The project encourages girls nationwide to develop and implement leadership projects — such as setting up school gardens, improving or starting a recycling program, and restoring sand dunes — in their local communities to help better the environment.

At the conference in Copenhagen, Rodriguez and the rest of the WAGGGS delegation will attend plenary sessions on a wide range of topics such as sustainable living and adaptation to climate change as well as hearing from indigenous groups, such as the Inuit and natives of the Amazon rain forest, how to utilize traditional knowledge in climate change decision making.

Upon her return, she will work with Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., to share her conference experience and help develop local implementation of the "Girl Scouts Forever Green" environmental project through workshop presentations and council-wide events in conjunction with the contemporary Girl Scout resource series, *It's Your Planet — Love it!*

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**About Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.**

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. serves 32,000 girls and 15,000 adult volunteers throughout seven counties in southeastern New York State. Its central administrative office is in Pleasantville, with regional offices in Middletown, New City, Pleasantville, and Poughkeepsie.

For information about joining, volunteering, or making a donation to Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., contact 914.747.3080 or visit [www.girlscoutshh.org](http://www.girlscoutshh.org).

**About Girl Scouts of the USA**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.6 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.

**About WAGGGS**

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is a worldwide Movement providing non-formal education where girls and young women develop leadership and life skills through self-development, challenge and adventure. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts learn by doing.

Headquartered in London, England, the World Association brings together Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Associations in 145 countries, with a total membership of ten million, across the globe.