



Celebrate Gold

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KC Historic Sites

Elizabeth Benes was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 3418 in Service Unit 606. She recently graduated from Bishop Miege High School and plans to attend Avila University to pursue her Nursing degree.

Elizabeth wanted to help students connect learning in the classroom with real world experiences through history. It also allowed her to learn more about her home city and celebrate its rich history. She developed digital resources that identified key historical landmarks in Kansas City and presented their location and history to families. Through the guide she created, families can take the history lessons that students learn in the classroom and explore out in Kansas City, which will also connect them as a family.

Giving real world context to education is vital to long term student growth and success as it helps students stay interested in education and apply it beyond the classroom. The guide Elizabeth created is available via a website, and has a social media presence on Instagram - @kc_historical_sites. She hopes that the information will continue to be utilized by families to connect the classroom to the world!

“Because of Girl Scouts... I have grown stronger in my leadership skills and it has opened the door for so many amazing opportunities in my life.”