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**Girls Rule Foundation Rewards Four Arizona Teens for Community Leadership**

*Brilliant, Beautiful and Bold Award Winners Receive $500 and a Mentor*

**PHOENIX –** [Girls Rule Foundation](http://www.girlsrulefoundation.org), in partnership with [Arizona State University](file:///C:\Users\Amanda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\I6YRJL86\asu.edu), hosted the 4th annual Shine Brightly Teens and Women Summit on Saturday, October 29, where 300 mothers and daughters attended. They completed the conference by awarding four teenage girls the Brilliant, Beautiful and Bold Role Model Award.

The awards had 40 nominees who were recommended by parents or teachers for being exceptional young girls who are making a difference in their school or community. Each winner received $500 to further her dream and was paired with a mentor for a year.

These girls have all gone through challenging experience in life, such as devastating a car accident and loss of a friend to childhood cancer. Through these situations, no matter how tragic, they all share strong dreams for their future and a desire to impact the community.

The dreams ranged from cancer awareness projects to attending medical school, traveling the world and becoming a model despite a debilitating autoimmune disorder.

“I am so proud of every nominee and our four winners this year,” says Dena Patton, CEO and co-founder of Girls Rule Foundation. “These young ladies are doing great things in their schools and communities. They are such great role models. The winners will not only win $500 to further her dream but each winner will receive a dream mentor for a year, plus more to help these girls become our next generation of leaders.”

This year’s winners were:

Amaiya Brown, 8th grader, Odyssey Institute of Advanced International Studies

Elizabeth Cameron, 9th grader, Pinnacle High School

Macy Maine, 12th grader, Buena High School

Hannah Mason, 8th grader, Pusch Ridge

**About Girls Rule Foundation:**

The Girls Rule! Foundation is a Phoenix-based, 501c3 established in 2007 that helps girls build leadership, self-confidence and bright futures. Visit [www.girlsrulefoundation.org](http://www.girlsrulefoundation.org) or [www.facebook.com/girlsrulefoundation](http://www.facebook.com/girlsrulefoundation) for more information.

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