

# 2021 Slate of Nominees and Biographies

## Girl Member – 2 Year Term

**Aloni Herrera (Gallup)** is in 10th grade at Miyamura High School. She has been a Girl Scout for 10 years, attends monthly Service Unit meeting as the CSA (Cadette/Senior/Ambassador) representative, and has recently been elected as the CSA Event Planner for her Service Unit. She hopes to bring more opportunities to all girls as well as gain community support and outreach. She has assisted in providing an online Junior and Cadette journey for her multi-level troop. In her school's Spanish Club, she was able to help in organizing a school-wide clean up. She has also helped teach the prek-1st grade class at her church for two years and helps at summer bible camp.

## Member – 3 Year Term

**Julie Miller Rugg (Albuquerque)** is the Executive Director for the New Mexico BioPark Society. She has 30 years of combined experience leading successful not for profit organizations and served for 5 years on the Arts Alliance and Creative Albuquerque boards. Since graduating from the Leadership NM program in 2013 she has been on the core curriculum committee, served on the City of ABQ's past two Mayoral transition teams, is involved with several committees of AZA - Association of Zoos and Aquariums - and IUCN - International Union for Conservation. She believes that her many years in Girls Scouts has had a huge influence on who she is today, and she holds a strong desire to help the current generation of Girl Scouts become responsible, caring, strong, confident leaders.

**Cristina Torres Archibeque (Albuquerque)** brings a wealth of experience as a former Girl Scouts board member and nonprofit leader. Christina currently serves as the Vice President of PB&J Family Services where she also heads up their Development Committee. She has held numerous leadership roles within nonprofits, including many years on the board of Girl Scouts of Arizona Cactus-Pine and Valle del Sol's Hispanic Leadership Institute, both in Phoenix. Her background includes strategic planning, fund development, and capital improvement projects and initiatives. She believes in the empowerment of women and in providing the leadership skills necessary to achieve success academically, professionally and personally.

**Carole Jaramillo (Rio Rancho/Albuquerque)** has more than twenty years of success in a variety of finance, budget, and accounting roles in the governmental and nonprofit arenas. She currently works as the Director of Financial Services for the City of Rio Rancho and is involved in numerous boards that connect her with this important community. Carole has incredible insight into nonprofit finances and a great deal of experience vetting issues and developing and writing policy. She has been eager to serve the community in a more direct way and would like to dedicate some of her energy to an organization that is impactful at a very core level. She believes that Girl Scouts has a very direct impact on the girls we serve which can positively influence their path through their entire life.

**Amparo Usrey (Gallup)** is an entrepreneur and Girl Scout alum with great experience in nonprofit leadership. Named one of the most beloved realtors in Gallup, she holds a current seat as a board member with the New Mexico Real Estate Association and has held numerous roles on boards ranging from the Gallup Board of Realtors to Habitat for Humanity. She is a strong supporter of US military veterans, and takes great pride in a fundraiser she pulled together that raised \$3500 to buy Girl Scout Cookies for troops overseas. She firmly believes in being supportive and encouraging young females to grow up to be independent and strong.

## **Member - One Year Term**

**Wanda Lucero (Taos)** is an entrepreneur and past Girl Scout volunteer who has served in public office and on several boards of community-based organizations for the past 30 years. Her previous board experience and participation in local nonprofits have provided many opportunities to engage in fundraising, like a formal gala for education, a fun run/walk for local cancer support services, and a men's ironing challenge to raise funds to establish a SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) program in Taos. In addition to running her own successful business, she is a current member of the board for New Mexico Business Excellence and holds an emeritus role as a member of the Taos Community Foundation board. Wanda is also a founding member of the Taos Municipal School Board of Education and the former President of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp.

**Michael Nuñez (Santa Fe)** prides himself on being a "Girl Scout Dad" and wants to be a part of creating positive and strong influences across the state for girls just like his daughter. Mike is the Chief Legal Counsel for the New Mexico Medical Board, and former Senior Attorney for the Drug Court Program and Deputy District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District in Santa Fe. In law school he was President of the Latin American Law Students Association and was also a founding member of an annual conference to empower the advancement of Latino law students. As a practicing attorney and bilingual Mexican-American, he believes he can make a positive influence on the policies that Girl Scouts follow across the state. He is an advocate for equity and inclusion and wants to help bring Girl Scouts to girls from all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. His daughter, Cecilia, has been a Girl Scout for three years, and his wife, Connie, is an active Troop Co-Leader.

**Tammi Moe (Gallup)** currently serves as a trustee to the New Mexico Social Justice and Equity Institute (4 years), the New Mexico Library Foundation (3 years), and Gallup Kiwanis (6 months). She was an active Girl Scout from 1975-1984, citing that Girl Scouts changed her entire life and gave her both the courage and opportunity to participate in activities that she never would have experienced as a child and teenager. She is experienced in advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as being experienced in serving diverse communities. Tammi says she would cherish the opportunity to serve the organization that she considers to be the foundation of her own success. Sharing her leadership skills and experiences with the Girl Scouts of New Mexico would be an opportunity to positively affect change and perhaps strengthen the foundations of young women today.