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Note to editors: *Mugshot of Beverly Simone attached to e-mail with accompanying news release.*

Girl Scouts to honor SCC president as Burlington Woman of Distinction

WEST BURLINGTON, Iowa – Southeastern Community College President Beverly S. Simone will be honored Thursday, June 4 as the 2009 Burlington Woman of Distinction.

The honor, presented by Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois, recognizes a Burlington area woman who represents the ideals of Girl Scouting. The deeds and work of those chosen must fulfill the Girl Scouts mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Simone was selected as the latest Burlington Woman of Distinction because of her quest for knowledge, enthusiasm for life and her experiences in theater, travel and entrepreneurial endeavors, which makes her a great role model for the young people she helps launch into society through their education at SCC.

As a child, she started as a Girl Scout Brownie and continued with Girl Scouts until high school. She reconnected with Girl Scouts as an adult by serving as a leader of her daughter's Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

Simone has many accomplishments, including theater performances with John Belushi in "Anne of a Thousand Days," starting a catering business and restaurants in Indianapolis, participating in the Miss Indiana Pageant and being known as a leader in community colleges. She is a former high school teacher and college instructor. She enjoys art, dancing and travel, having visited Africa, China, the Middle East, South America and more.

The 2009 Burlington Woman of Distinction event is at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at the Burlington Golf Club, 2124 Sunnyside Ave., Burlington. Individual tickets are \$50 each; a reserved sponsored table for eight guests is available for \$500. Dinner includes a choice of filet or salmon. For reservations, contact Joyce Vance, director of development, at the Girl Scouts' Burlington Area Service Center, at 319-752-3639 or by e-mail at JoyceV@GSEIWI.org. Persons wishing to make a donation to Girl Scouts in honor of Simone also may contact Vance for information about making a gift to the organization.

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Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois serves 20,000 girls in 38 counties in Iowa and Illinois.

*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.
Did you know that one in every six girls is a Girl Scout?*