



Dear PTAC Family,

2016 was a monumental year for Scouting in the Pathway to Adventure Council in several ways. Thousands of new families joined Scouting, thousands of Scouts went to camp, and thousands more dollars were raised to further our Scouting efforts. The reasons for this success are rooted in thousands of hours of volunteer efforts partnered with our professional team. One of the clearest summaries to show this unbelievable step forward in numerous areas is our Journey To Excellence dashboard. The Journey To Excellence program is a Nationally coordinated set of standardized goals that sets benchmarks and challenges local Councils to move forward in each category. There are three levels of recognitions in the program, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

At the end of 2015 our Council scored 825 points total in this program which did not score a recognition level. I am proud to announce that at the end of this year our Council scored 1775 points, a Gold performance level, an unbelievable step forward achieved by very few Councils in the country. Please take a moment to review each goal on the scorecard, and the growth over last year in each. If you have a question on how the goal is calculated I have included the scorecard with the goals and explanations.

This Gold JTE recognition sets PTAC apart from other Councils in the country. It stands as a clear testimonial to each team in PTAC, and is tangible evidence of the growth each of these teams has created in their respective areas. I would submit that each of these areas can directly be tied to serving to the Scouts of PTAC today, and strengthens our ability to serve the PTAC Scouts of tomorrow! I look forward to recognizing you and all our teams who made this success possible at our next greater Council impact meeting.

THANK YOU!!! I can't wait to join you in building an even greater 2017 year of Scouting!

Yours in Scouting,

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