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YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Welcome to the 2020 Virtual Youth of the Year

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YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Youth of the Year celebrates some of Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County's most remarkable members. In fact, it is the highest honor that a Club member can receive.

The Monterey County Youth of the Year go on to compete with other local Youth of the Year winners at the Northern California Regional competition, followed by the State of California competition, Pacific Region competition, and finally the National Youth of the Year.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR

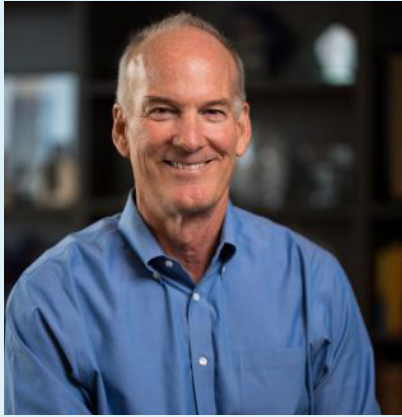
Since 1947, Youth of the Year (YOY) has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members. Each year, one exceptional young person from a Boys & Girls Club rises to the role of National Youth of the Year, becoming an exemplary ambassador who not only speaks as the voice of Club youth everywhere, but also stands up to represent all of our nation's young people.

Through the Youth of the Year program, young people showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future. Youth of the Year honorees at any level – local, state, regional and national – are shining examples and living proof that GREAT FUTURES START HERE – at Boys & Girls Clubs.



ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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We are honored to present the President's Award, named after Roosevelt Williams, who chartered the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County in 1968, to Bruce Taylor & Taylor Farms.

Taylor's personal and corporate philanthropy has impacted thousands of local children through their generous donation for the Club's newly renovated and expanded Salinas Teen Center, annual support for the Club's summer and teen programs, major sponsorships for annual Club events, and in-kind contributions of fresh produce served to Club members.

Thank you Bruce for your continued support of our mission and our kids!

"I am very excited that my friend and former Produce Marketing Association Board Chair Bruce Taylor is being honored at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County's Youth of the Year virtual celebration. While Bruce's leadership and contributions to PMA and the fresh industry are widely known, he also spends considerable time and energy giving back to the Salinas community ... PMA's vision is to ultimately grow a healthier world, and Bruce exemplifies that by preparing the next generation of leaders through the Clubs' college-readiness program and other initiatives. Congratulations, Bruce, on this well-deserved honor."

- Cathy Burns, Chief Executive Officer, Produce Marketing Association

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JUNIOR YOUTH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Angel Diaz - Junior Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse - WINNER

Angel is a freshman at North Salinas High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Club for 6 years. He has been a consistent participant of all Teen Pathways programs while also serving 3 years as a Torch Club officer. His plans for the future is to attend Stanford University, graduate with a doctorate in psychiatric therapy, and work as a psychologist for prison inmates



Brianna Cisneros - Junior Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Brianna is a sophomore at Rancho San Juan High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 8 years. She has been a participant in all Teen Pathways programs while also serving as president of Torch Club. Brianna has hopes to be the first in her family to attend college and pursue forensic science at Sacramento State University. She hopes one day to give closure to families of special victims.



Diego Ortiz - Junior Youth of the Year, Seaside Clubhouse

Diego is a sophomore at Seaside High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 4 years. He is an active member of the Keystone leadership club and enjoys participating in community service. Diego's goal is to attend California State University, Monterey Bay and become an architect.

JUNIOR YOUTH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Jose Roman - Junior Youth of the Year, Seaside Clubhouse - WINNER

Jose is a sophomore at Seaside High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Club for 10 years. He is an active member of the Keystone leadership club and is always willing to volunteer his time. Jose is passionate about music and would like to work in the music industry.



Marayah Inzunza - Junior Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Marayah is a sophomore at North Salinas High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Club for 8 years. She participates in The First Tee of Monterey County and was one of the youngest members to receive an internship offer from First Tee. When Marayah is at The Club, she is an advocate for bullying awareness and participates in Keystone and Virtual Programming.



Nayeli Jimenez - Junior Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Nayeli is a freshman at Rancho San Juan High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 3 years. She is a consistent participant in all Teen Pathways and Art Programs. Nayeli has won multiple academic awards, however, her greatest honor was being named Youth Artist of the Year for the organization. Nayeli plans to graduate with a Master's degree from the Academy of Art of San Francisco.



Savanna Soria - Junior Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Savanna is a freshman at San Juan High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Club for 4 years. She participates in all Teen Pathways programs and served for 3 years as a Torch Club officer. In her future, Savanna plans to attend University of California, Los Angeles to become a registered nurse.

JOE GUNTER YOUTH OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP



Mr. Joe Gunter dedicated his life to service and accomplished so much for the City of Salinas and the surrounding communities. After graduating high school, Joe joined the Marines and served in Vietnam. In 1969 he joined the Salinas Police Department and served 32 years, first as a patrolman and then a detective before retiring in 2002. Joe's commitment continued as he reported the very next day as a Reserve Officer conducting background investigations for the department. His dedication for the city he loved so much led him to serve for eight years as Mayor.

Mayor Gunter presented at over 10 Career Expo and Gang Prevention Summit events for the Boys & Girls Club, inspiring thousands of middle and high school students to make positive choices and pursue their dreams. He understood the importance of opportunities for youth, advocating for funding for BGCMC's transportation services, to ensure hundreds of youth are transported daily after school to the Salinas Clubhouse. Many organizations in our community can share similar stories about Mayor Gunter's tireless efforts to champion our kids and their futures.

In the spirit of excellence and service that marks the Youth of the Year distinction and Joe's legacy, we are honored to announce the Joe Gunter Youth of the Year Scholarship Award. We extend a special thanks to Pinney Allen & Buddy Miller for contributing to the scholarship fund.

"Mayor Gunter tirelessly advocated for youth with passion and conviction. He used his power and influence to support youth programs that develop good character and cultivate future leaders of their communities. We will forever be grateful for his support in our community."

- Ron Johnson, President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County

YOUTH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Carolina Casillas - Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Carolina is a junior at North Salinas High School and has been attending Boys & Girls Clubs for 8 years. She has been a part of leadership clubs and is currently the president of the Keystone club. Now, Carolina is working to raise awareness about the negative affects of bullying in the Teen Center. Carolina also serves on a Youth council to advocate for the needs of youth in the work force.



Citlaly Hererra Inzunza - Youth of the Year, Salinas Clubhouse

Citlaly is a junior at North Salinas High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 9 years. She is passionate about art and has been a part of our annual Marti Mulford Art Exhibit, and received Artist of the Year in 2016. During the Summer, Citlaly held an internship with the First Tee Program. Currently, she is part of Girls' Health in Girls' Hands and has began a project to raise awareness on the effect of hate speech.



Erica Sebastian - Youth of the Year, Seaside Clubhouse

Erica is a junior at Seaside High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 7 years. Erica is a part of the Keystone leadership club and has over 200 community service hours. She was a Jr. Staff at the Club during Summer 2019 and enjoys assisting staff with younger members. Erica plans to attend University of California, Los Angeles and work in the music industry.



Rosalia Zavaleta Aguilar - Youth of the Year, Seaside Clubhouse

Rosalia is a freshman at Seaside High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs for 4 years. She won the 2020 Seaside Middle School Citizen Award during her 8th grade year, and took 3rd in the Boys & Girls Club's annual Ford Essay Contest. Rosalia's goal is to become a chef or a surgeon.

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