BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

GREAT FUTURES MOMENTS
2nd Quarter News 2018
Academic Success | Good Character & Citizenship | Healthy Lifestyles

Meet Thurston.

Meet 6th grader Thurston O. who has been an active member of the Lee Hamilton Club since its opening in 2016. He has consistently demonstrated positive leadership and service by helping other members with homework, and always willing to problem solve when there is an issue within his group. Club staff said about him, “Thurston displays the importance of never giving up when time gets tough.” He is a member of the step/dance team, basketball team, a Torch Club leader, and hosted the Club’s Black Politics event where he interviewed local politicians during a panel discussion.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Recognition Event & Alumni Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony
Thursday, June 7, 2018

Jim Butler Golf Tournament
Monday, June 18, 2018

Great Futures Gala
Friday, November 9, 2018

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Summer Camp

Triple Play Day
**Girl Bosses Rock at SMART Girls Conference**

One of the best conferences for girls in St. Louis, SMART Girls, attracted 226 youth and 27 parents this year! The event, themed “#GirlBoss: She Believed She Could, So She Did”, is held annually, offers dynamic sessions and participatory activities to help our female Club members explore their own and societal attitudes and values, build skills for living a healthy lifestyle and developing positive relationships with peers and adults. Conference highlights include; Club teen Daija G. serving as emcee, workshop topics, "Dressing up Your Inner Beauty", "You are Your Own Brand", and "Healthy Relationships" and, a keynote address from author, Amanda Andrews. To view photos from the event, click [here](https://custapp.marketvolt.com/cv.aspx?cm=1156436229&x=82060206).

**From Boys to Men**

Thanks to the 180 male members, 12 fathers, staff and speakers who attended the Passport to Manhood conference and lock in! The conference is held annually to equip our young men with tools and character building exercises that assist them in becoming successful men! Activities included a Father/Son luncheon, PlayStation 4 tournaments, Friday Night Flag Football, a performance by the award winning Gentleman of Vision Step Team (GOV) and guest speaker, Club Alum and current St. Louis 3rd Ward Alderman/Activist, Brandon Bosley. To view pictures from the event, click [here](https://custapp.marketvolt.com/cv.aspx?cm=1156436229&x=82060206).

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"I went from living in a car to winning a car! Thanks to the BGCSTL Staff for working with me as I pursued becoming and winning the 2018 Youth of the Year title!"

**Michaelmonique**

2018 Youth of the Year

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**LOCATIONS**

- **Adams Park Club**
  314.633.7900
  4317 Vista Avenue
  St. Louis, MO 63110

- **Be Great Graduate - Normandy High School**
  6701 St. Charles Rock Road
  St. Louis, MO 63121
  636.675.9526

- **Be Great Graduate - Roosevelt High School**
  3230 Hartford Street
  St. Louis, MO 63118
  314.335.8143

- **Ferguson Middle School Club**
  314.335.8330
  701 January Avenue
  St. Louis, MO 63135

- **Grannemann Elem. School Club**
  314.335.8350
  2324 Redman Road
  St. Louis, MO 63136

- **Herbert Hoover Club**
  314.335.8000
  2901 N. Grand Ave.
  St. Louis, MO 63107
Summer Camp at BGCSTL

Imagine a place where your child can make life-long friends, visit some of the best attractions in St. Louis, enjoy sporting and cultural activities, take field trips and learn to swim—all in one summer! That place is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis which is offering day camp for all ages across eight locations this year in St. Louis City & County. Our camp touches kids and teens across the region and is one of the top camps searched for on BluePrint4SummerSTL. Don’t miss out on one of the most affordable, high-quality summer day camp programs. Register your child now, here.

Boys & Girls Clubs
SUMMER CAMP

• All Day Camp
• Field Trips
• Swimming
• Sports, Fitness & Recreation
• Arts
• Cultural Activities
• Free Dental & Vision
• Breakfast & Lunch
• College Visits

To find a camp location near you and register your kid or teen, visit www.bgcstl.org or call 314-335-8000.

Summer Spot at Hazelwood East High
Thanks to a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, new to our summer lineup is the “Summer Spot” at Hazelwood East High School where rising 9th – 12th graders are invited to enjoy a summer filled with the arts, music, sports, STEM, entrepreneur and college/career readiness activities, as well as field trips! For more information, call 314-953-7795.

![SPARTANS SUMMER SPOT](image)

**Thank you for Being a Friend**

Thanks to the Friends of the Club, sponsors and supporters of the 2018 Casino Night for a successful event. The group raised $30,000 for BGCSTL programs and gave away over $7,000 in raffle prizes. There was live music, casino games, dancing and more for the over 200 attendees! Click the links
Partner Spotlight
AllState Supports BGCSTL

National partner AllState Insurance gathered a group of volunteers to assist BGCSTL Adams Park Club with some much needed cleanup chores. Volunteers cleaned and organized the game, arts, laundry, green and community rooms, as well as the teen center, stairway area and gym to prepare the Club for summer camp! As an added perk from the AllState volunteer day, the Club received a donation for $11,000!
Wakanda Visits Ferguson Club

Community partner, Allied St. Louis, celebrated the release of the Black Panther DVD by showing the movie to 200 of our Ferguson Club members! Youth enjoyed popcorn, themed activities and a free movie poster!

Jim Butler Golf Tournament

The Jim Butler Golf Charity Classic, one of St. Louis’ premier golf tournaments, will take place on June 18, 2018 at the Country Club of St. Albans. The event supports Club Health & Life Skills programs and will include afternoon tee times,
lunch and on course goodies/snacks. Both courses will be available for the tournament. The tournament also helps increase awareness of BGCSTL’s efforts to promote health and wellness to our youth members. To date we have a few foursomes left, available sponsorship opportunities and raffle ticket purchasers, to do either, click here.

**Mentor Moment**

Thanks to mentors from Express Scripts for making time to share breakfast and conversation with their 5th Grade Farragut Elementary School mentees. Many of the adult volunteers have mentored the kids since they were in 3rd grade. Their time together was spent reflecting on their elementary school experiences and discussing their plans for the summer and graduation. To mentor or volunteer, click here.
Teens Create Own Fashions

BGCSTL BE GREAT: Graduate members from Normandy High School spent the semester learning business and entrepreneur skills by taking a fashion design class. They wrote business plans, created their own fashion designs, and organized a fashion show to display their custom made pieces! BE GREAT: Graduate is the dropout prevention program operated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis at Roosevelt and Normandy High Schools.
Hazelwood East High School members kicked off their "Project Prom" initiative with a pop-up fashion show where three members modeled prom dresses to attract other students to the program where they would get to create their prom dress. They learned how to use a sewing machine, chose dresses and selected the items needed to create their own dresses!

2nd Quarter Grants Recognition

We appreciate the following grant partners for their gifts that strengthen our programs, click here for a full list.
The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable youth ages 6 to 18 to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For over 50 years, BGCSTL has been providing after-school, teen, sports and summer programs to youth in the St. Louis area while also providing a safe place for them to learn and grow. The Clubs now serve St. Louis youth at ten locations (Adams Park Club, Ferguson Middle School Club, Grannemann Elementary School Club, Herbert Hoover Club, Lee Hamilton Elementary School Club, O’Fallon Park Club, Riverview Gardens Club and Hazelwood Southeast Middle School Club), within two High Schools (Normandy and Roosevelt High School) and five additional elementary schools through our Mentor St. Louis Program.