BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

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BGCSTL President Receives Highest Honor from BGCA

Congratulations to our very own BGCSTL President Dr. Flint Fowler who was presented with the Thomas G. Garth Character & Courage Award from Boys & Girls Clubs of America! This is the highest honor that a Boys & Girls Club professional can receive and given to those who best exemplify the exceptional leadership of the late BGCA President Tom Garth! Boys & Girls Clubs of America President said about Flint during his presentation, “Flint is an exceptional human being, true game changer for this movement, has helped people recognize the challenges facing young people in the community and the urgent call for action and a mentor to those in St. Louis and across the
country. He leads by example by building strong relationships rooted in trust, purpose and passion.” To view Dr. Fowler receiving the award, click here.

**Music Studio Program Receives National Award**

BGCSTL received the Merit Award for Program Excellence in The Arts for the Music Studio Program that is implemented across seven of our Clubs! The program, led by Grammy Award-winning producer/songwriter Alonzo “Zo” Lee, guides Club members through song writing, producing and recording processes - creating a song from start to finish. Congrats to Alonzo Lee and his team, Project L.A.M. and all of the Club staff who assist in the program Club wide!

**WE ARE HIRING!**

- **Lifeguard**
- **School Bus Driver**
- **Youth Development Professional - St. Louis County**
- **Youth Development Professional - St. Louis City**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **Annual Recognition Event & Alumni Hall of Honor**
  - Thursday, June 6, 2019
  - RSVP

- **Jim Butler Golf Tournament**
  - June 17, 11 am

- **Summer Camp!**

- **Great Futures Gala**
  - Friday, November 8, 2019

“Being a member gives me the opportunity to be around like-minded individuals who aspire to be more than their current situations. The Club impacted my life tremendously by giving me a controlled environment to thrive in. I believe that my
Ferguson Club Member Has Experience of a Lifetime!

Earlier this year Ferguson Club member, Troy S., received news that he was selected to be a performer at the 2019 Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference, May 1-4 in Houston, Texas! Our Club’s entry was one of only ten selected from over 110 audition videos – kudos to his Site Coordinator, Jaime. As part of the honor, Troy participated in a series of virtual coaching sessions with a BGCA expert vocal, movement and performance coach, sang at the opening and closing sessions of the conference and many times during the event!

The most surprising to Troy (and everyone in attendance) was at the closing event when it was announced that he was the winner of the first annual Aryana Pizarro “Fly Right” Award. The award is in honor of Aryana Pizarro who served as the first National Conference Youth Talent Ambassador.
and lost her life in a terrible car accident. All of the youth performers for the week nominated one of their peers who best embodied Aryana’s spirit of kindness, collaboration and character – and it was Troy! Boys & Girls Clubs of America also honored him with a scholarship for $3,000 a year for the next four years! Congrats to Troy! To view Troy’s performances from the conference, click here. To see Troy receiving his award, click here.

**Youth of the Year Picks Up Her Car!**

The 2019 Youth of the Year, Kahalia, has been quite busy in her role as the Youth Ambassador for BGCSTL. She has networked with representatives at the Capitol in Jefferson City, received the Phenomenal Kid Award from Delux Magazine, threw out the 1st pitch at a Cardinals game, received news that she will be taking a trip abroad to Ghana and most recently picked up the Kia Rio that she won courtesy of Frank Leta Automotive Group! Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive and a signature national youth recognition program that celebrates the recipient’s contributions to their family, school, community, and their Boys & Girls Club!
Annual Recognition Event & Alumni Hall of Honor

Each year BGCSTL honors and celebrates the staff, board members, volunteers and supporters of the organization for their commitment to our Club children. It is also the induction ceremony for the newest Alumni Hall of Honor recipients. Join us for an evening of light refreshments and fun on Thursday, June 6th! RSVP, here.
Camp Registration Open for Kids & Teens

Boys & Girls Clubs will be offering day camp at eight locations across St. Louis City and North County. Our summer camp offers youth ages 6-18 fun and dynamic experiences that will spark creativity, engagement, and exploration. Swimming, teen and STEM programs, Music Studio (producing, writing and singing songs), access to our newly opened Best Buy Teen Tech center activities including a music studio, 3D printer, t-shirt press maker, coding
stations, state of the art computers, monitors and virtual reality headsets and, field trips are the things campers will experience. Click here for prices, dates and full summer camp schedules OR, to hear more about our camps, view our Great Day St. Louis segment, here.

Friends Casino Night Supports Club Youth

Thanks to the Friends of the Club, sponsors and supporters of the 2019 Casino Night for a successful event. The group raised over $35,000 for BGCSTL programs. There was live music, casino games, raffles, dancing and more for the over 250 guests! Click here to view photos from the evening.
Golf Tournament in June

The Jim Butler Golf Charity Classic, one of St. Louis’ premier golf tournaments, will take place on June 17, 2019 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. The tournament helps increase awareness of BGCSTL’s efforts to promote health and wellness to our youth members. We have a few foursomes and sponsorship opportunities available as well as raffle tickets, to do either, click here.

Partner Spotlight - AllState Supports BGCSTL

National partner AllState Insurance gathered a group of ten volunteers to assist BGCSTL Adams Park Club with a few site beautification and organizing projects. 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 $10,000!

Girls Learn to “Love Thy Selfie” at SMART Girls Conference

One of the best conferences for girls in St. Louis, SMART Girls, attracted 132 youth, 28 parents and 25 volunteers this year! The annual event, themed “Love Thy Selfie, Mind Body & Spirit” offers dynamic sessions and 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. Highlights from the conference included Club Youth of the Year Kahalia serving as emcee, Riverview Gardens Club Steppers & Hazelwood East High Dance Team performances, workshop topics such as “Love Myself, Body Image, Fashion and Confidence”, Zumba, Painting My Feelings, Poetry Slam, Music Studio and Conflict Resolution. The keynote address was delivered by Te'Ara Arman. To view photos from the event, click here.
From Boys to Men

Congratulations to the 120 male members and 15 fathers/role models who attended the Passport to Manhood conference this past weekend! Themed “The Makings of a Man” the conference is held annually to equip our young men with life skills, character and leadership skills to help them become successful! Activities included a Father/Son luncheon, PlayStation 4 tournaments, a father/role model and son basketball tournament, a performance by Arch Madness and guest speaker, Jason Watson of Mission St. Louis.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, 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 four additional
elementary schools through our Mentor St. Louis Program.

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