



## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA**

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#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA BOARD RECEIVES AWARD SOUTHEAST REGION'S HIGH POWER BOARD**

**Brunswick, GA** – Despite the nation's recession, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia remains strong. This does not mean that our organization is not facing the same challenges that all businesses and individuals are facing such as rising costs and declining income. But the generosity of our community has not diminished during this recession. Our programs and services are indeed more needed and more valuable to our families, our children and our community. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia we tell our members that Great Futures Start Here.

“Each year it seems that our organization's challenges and obstacles change, but one thing does remain constant, this is our focus on providing the best quality programs and services to promote and enhance the development of our members,” says Brian Dolan, President/Chief Professional Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia. “We continue to see new kids join our clubs every week and we will keep our doors open to as many youth want to join. We are here to help kids reach their fullest potential, have a great time outside of school and be safe.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia are very proud to announce the 2010 Youth of the Year. Established in 1947, the Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America premier recognition program for Club members, promoting service to Club, community and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking ability.

#### **JAMEL WILLIAMS - Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center**

Jamel has been an active participant at ECTC since our Grand Opening in 2009. He is one of the original TAG members and has played an integral role in the development of our center in many different ways. Besides simply hanging out and having a good time like all teens at ECTC, Jamel helps the staff run activities in the building and also has performed all of his duties as a TAG member such as recruiting and helping to promote events within the center. Jamel worked for the Boys & Girls Club during the summer months as a Junior Staff Member and has recently been employed by the organization at the Terrill Thomas Unit. Jamel plans on attending a university somewhere upon graduation this spring and in March will go to the state capital to represent our organization in the state & national Youth of the Year competition. (photo)

KAYLYN FULTON- The Club at Jane Macon Unit

Kaylyn is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. She has been a member of our Club for 3 years now. She enjoys coming to the Club to hang with her friends. Kaylyn is an A-B honor roll student and a member of the student council, Beta Club, and the Builders Club. Kaylyn has also played volleyball for the school and she was a runner up in the 7th grade spelling bee. A very well rounded student and personifies the Golden Rule. [\(photo\)](#)

MARISSA EUBANKS - St. Simons Island Unit

Marissa is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade straight A Honor Roll student at Glynn Middle School. She and her cousins Avery and Brittney have been attending the Club since Kindergarten. Marissa favorite thing to do at the Club is to play outside and hangout with friends. [\(photo\)](#)

SYDNEY JAUDON - Terrill Thomas Unit

Sydney is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Satilla Marsh Elementary. Sydney has been attending the Boys & Girls Club since July. Sydney enters the Club with a smile and a chipper spirit. Sydney exemplifies the characteristics of an ideal club member. She is respectful to staff and peers, studious, completes her school work without being asked, and goes out of her way to befriend other members. Sydney is a fantastic helper and role model for the younger members at the Club. There is no end to her talents as she recently joined the Satilla Marsh Chorus and she tried her hand at baking (with the help of Mom) by preparing AMAZING red velvet cupcakes for the holidays. [\(photo\)](#)

JOSUE ACOSTA - Glynnvilla Unit

Josue is 9 years old and a student at Oglethorpe Elementary. He and his sister, Anakaren, always follow the rules. When Josue walks through the door, he has a smile and is eager to give the staff a big hug. His peers speak highly of him. [\(photo\)](#)

SASHA ACEVEDO - McIntyre Court

Sasha, is an A & B student at Burroughs Molette Elementary, and now enjoys reading and playing soccer. Sasha has two siblings a 12 year old sister and an 8 year old brother and we all LOVE to play soccer. Sasha was born in Uruguay, and moved to New Jersey when she was just 1. At six years of age she moved to Brunswick and has been living here ever since. She visits Uruguay every two years at summer break and enjoys seeing the difference in cultures. She is a very pleasant and upbeat young lady. She also has a creative side winning 1st place in our poster contest "Give one to the Chipper" our Christmas Tree recycling program. [\(photo\)](#)

### **About the Youth of the Year Program**

The program is most effective when used as a year round tool for fostering young people's character, personal growth and leadership qualities. Local Clubs recognize members ages 14 to 18 as Youth of the Month winners and select a Youth of the Year, who then participates in state competitions. State winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Five regional winners each receive a \$10,000 scholarship and compete on the national level. The National Youth of the Year receives up to an additional \$50,000 scholarship and is installed by the President of the United States.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia consists of six clubs serving over 3500 youth on an annual basis. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 5-19 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

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