

# Youths recognized at the Bristol Boys & Girls Club

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BRISTOL — Nearly 200 young people were recognized recently for their "fine character and outstanding personal example" they set for others at the Bristol Boys & Girls Club Family Center.

"The mission of the club 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," unit director Jay Maia said in a statement.

"There are so many outstanding youth being recognized for their wonderful accomplishments," club director, Michael Suchopar said Monday. "I'm comfortable and hopeful that these are the types of youths who will be leading our cities and country."

The overall Youth of the Year Award was presented to Julian Galindez, who was presented with the \$2,000 Charles Kushlan Memorial Award, the \$500 Adelaide Carlson Scholarship Award from the Women's Keystone Auxiliary and a \$99 gift card to 99 restaurants from Matt Keal. Galindez will attend Eastern Connecticut State University in the fall.

The award winners are: The Gladiator Wrestling Team: Jr. Gladiator, Rocco Barbino; Sr. Gladiator, Trent Thompson; Sr. Gladiator, Tommy Nichols.

The Boys Basketball Teams: 4th Grade Boys, Zaveyn Tate; 5th Grade Boys, Christian Stafford; Jaden Green; 6th Grade Boys, Luke Foley, Jeremiah Tatum; 7th Grade Boys, Desmond Green, Tommy Lorenzetti; 8th Grade Boys, Aiden Rodriguez; 8th Grade Most Improved Player, Christian Davis.

The Girls Basketball Teams: 5th Grade Girls, Abigail Stanford; 6th Grade Girls, Ciara Collins; 7th Grade Girls, Cali Doyon; 8th Grade Girls, Alyssa Masi, Jordan Ouellette.

The Family Center Gymnastics Program: Hardest Worker, Mia Caruso; Most Improved, Alison Sullivan; Most Determined, Olivia Grenier.

Bristol Crush Volleyball Program MVPs: 14 and under, Ace High, Ashleigh Clark; 14 and under, Silver, Abby Jones; 15 and under, Bristol Extreme, Natasha Silva; 18 and under, Crush Gold, Bailey Wyrebek.

The David Pecevich Memorial Sportsmanship Award: Bailey Wyrebek.

Academic Success: Power Hour is an educational enhancement program for members ages 6 to 13. Through this program, members participate in homework help, educational enrichment activities and tutoring daily.



## Recognition

Submitted by John Benoit From left to right, Matt Keal of 99 Restaurants, Dave Kushlan, Julian Galindez and Pat Laviero.

All members who earned a Student of the Month title during the school year are considered for this award. School grades, behavior, club and school attendance, homework checklists, and Power Hour points, are among the criteria considered for this award.

This year's Power Hour Students of the Year are: Cambridge Park, Jeremiah Tatum; West Street, Jayden Medina; Green Hills Clubhouse, Natalia Pagano; Edgewood Clubhouse, Kyle Bernaiche; Hubbell Clubhouse, Nadia Krieger; Ivy Drive Clubhouse, Cameron Roy; Lake Garda Clubhouse, Jordan Bennett; Mountain View Clubhouse, Gabriel Phillipon; South Side Clubhouse, Angelina Fasci; Stafford Clubhouse, Ashley Cortijo.

Power Hour Students of the Month: Emily Zarcone, Katrina Rossi, Jullian Colon, Kamari Fentriss.

Four standout club members were also recognized for being "caring, productive and responsible citizens," according to club leaders: Character and leadership Standout, Jay Robinson; Healthy Lifestyles Award, Jarnielys Marrero; Gameroom Sportsmanship Award, Randy Jimenez; Most Valuable Youth of the Year, Adriana Rappleyea.

The Keystone Club is the club's teen program, offering teens ages 14 to 18 the opportunity to gain leadership and service experience, working in three particular areas, academic success, career development and community service. This past year the Keystone Club has logged in

More than 1,872 hours of volunteer service.

Keystone members honored: Marlon Paltoo, DJ Green, Melissa Gerzunda, Brianna St. Onge, Emily Mitchell, Sienna Stickney, Devin & Spencer Roberge, Ke'Ana Dardin, Dyana Tovar, Kayla Platt, Nicole Truszowski, Julian Galindez, Matt Heffernan, Nick Sassu, Emilio Mercado, Staci Battle, Tiffany Rodriguez, Daneirys Rivera, and Jillian Maghini.

Teens of the Month were also announced: Marlon Paltoo (also most volunteer hours), Matt Heffernan, Skylar Yopp, Tommy Rodriguez, Julian Galindez, and Melissa Gurzenda.

In honor of the 20th anniversary of operations at the Cambridge Park Unit, youth members were recognized: Brandon Copeland, Amiri Copeland, Bri'ēja Copeland, Luis Espinoza, Tiana Espinoza, Leilani Mills, Adheledy Vargas, Dwayne Vargas, Jenny Arroyo, Jalexis Arroyo, and Javon Manso.

Four young people were honored for Robotics work at the Boys and Girls Club: Briana Parker, Gabriel Phillipon, Jay Robinson, Colin Colombo.

Four high school seniors were awarded college scholarships by the Fiondella Fund through the Main Street Community Foundation to purchase computers: Devon Roberge, Spencer Robere, Dejah Holley, Julian Galindez.

The Rex Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, which is presented to the youth demonstrating the most fraternity, integrity, courage, perseverance and facing challenge, was presented to Drew Fries.

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