



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County's Youth of the Year Places Top Four in the State

Lodi Resident, Amanda Feliciano, Places in the Top Four in the Boys & Girls Clubs New Jersey State Youth of the Year Competition.

[Bergen County, N.J.] — Amanda Feliciano, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County's Youth of the Year, placed in the top four, in Boys & Girls Club of America's State Youth of the Year Competition.

Amanda, a senior at Bergen County Technical School, was selected in March as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County's Youth of the Year, among other exceptional teens from both the Lodi and Hackensack areas, all of whom competed virtually.

As the Club's Youth of the Year, Amanda was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County and went on to compete virtually in the state competition. Following weeks of preparation, numerous essays, and multiple interviews, Amanda was selected to the top four in the state, helping her earn an additional \$3,500 in scholarships! While Amanda did not advance to the regional competition, she is proud of her accomplishments and congratulates those who are advancing. The National Youth of the Year will earn \$50,000 in college scholarships!

Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members in three priority outcome areas of leadership: Character and Service; Academic Excellence; and Healthy Lifestyles. Amanda truly exemplifies what it means to be Youth of the Year.

Amanda, who began volunteering at the Lodi Club to fulfill a volunteer service requirement for graduation, truly embraced every aspect of what the BGCLBC has to offer youth and teens.

Amanda aspires to be a pediatrician and attributes her love of science and children to the relationships she's built at the Club and her experiences assisting children at the Club with many STEM activities. As a member of our Keystone Club, Amanda made quite the impression and impact in her short time, and so, was nominated and earned the position first of Treasurer, and more recently, Vice President. Keystoning is the Boys & Girls Club's most dynamic teen program. It affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. Keystoners conduct activities which focus on academic success, career exploration, community service, and teen outreach.

In addition to her efforts at the Club, Amanda maintains a 3.4 GPA in her Advanced Placement classes at Bergen County Technical School, while holding down a part time job, participating in Keystone, and volunteering at the Lodi Clubhouse and her church.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County offers life-enhancing programs, opportunities, and experiences that many children and teens would not have outside of our Clubs. To learn more about the programs offered at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, visit our website at www.bgclbergen.org. To help support our life-changing youth programs please donate by visiting www.bgclbergen.org/donate-now/.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County's (BGCLBC) mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. BGCLBC strives to instill strong character, leadership skills, academic success and healthy living habits among their members and see them through high school graduation with a plan for their future. BGCLBC is the place where great futures are started each and every day.

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