



Lucas Thurman
Shelby County Boys & Girls Club

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Lucas is a junior in high school and has attended the club for 1 year. Lucas enjoys playing video games in his free time.



Madison Meek
Rush County Boys & Girls Clubs

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Madison is a senior in high school and aspires to attend Ivy Tech. She has attended the club for 4 years and enjoys reading, music, and hanging with friends in her free time.



Rima Bahradiine-Bell
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joe County

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Rima is a sophomore in high school and plans to attend IUPUI. She has attended the club for 3 years and enjoys spending time with her large family in her free time.



Sadie Brown
Harrison County Boys & Girls Club

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Sadie is a senior in high school and aspires to attend IUS. She has attended the club for 2 years. Sadie enjoys singing in her free time.



Seth Lacy
Morgan County Boys & Girls Club

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Seth is a sophomore in high school and is interested in attending IU Bloomington. He has attended the club for 3 years and enjoys gaming with friends in his free time.

2023-2024 Indiana Youth of the Year



Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been BGCA's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members. Each year, one exceptional young person from a Boys & Girls Club is selected to be the National Youth of the Year. Candidates emerge through year-round recognition programs in their local Clubs. They progress through state and regional events, culminating in a week long celebration in Washington, D.C., where one is named the National Youth of the Year—the highest honor bestowed upon a Club member.



WHO WILL BE THE NEXT YOUTH OF THE YEAR?



Indiana
April 12th, 2024





Addison Armentrout
Marshall County Boys & Girls Clubs

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Addison is a freshman in high school and has attended the club for two years. In her free time, she enjoys helping in the gym.



Emily Wart
Foundation for Youth

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Emily is a junior in high school aspiring to attend Indiana University. She has attended the club for 6 years and enjoys working on care, volunteering, and doing projects in her free time.



Kalandra Sears
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lawrence County

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Kalandra is a senior in high school and plans to attend Vincennes University. She has attended the club for 12 years and enjoys hanging with friends in her free time.



Alexia Ramirez
Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington County

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Alexia is a senior in high school and aspires to attend University of Saint Francis. She has attended the club for 11 years and enjoys reading in her free time.



Izzy Stanfield
Boys & Girls Clubs of Seymour, Jennings...

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Izzy is a sophomore in high school and plans to attend Indiana University. She has attended the club for 6 years and likes to spend time with friends in her free time.



Kathy "Zee" Melinger
Noblesville Boys & Girls Clubs

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Zee is a senior in high school and plans to attend Ivy Tech. Zee has attended the club for 9 years. They enjoy playing Rugby and going to the club in their free time.



Alyssia "Alex" Wiley
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington

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Alex is a freshman in high school and plans to attend Julliard. Alex has attended the club for 10 years. In her free time, she enjoys make-up, art, & musical theater.



Jada Thompson
Boys & Girls Clubs of Evansville

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Jada is in the 8th grade and has attended the club for 2 years. In her free time Jada enjoys running and being with her family.



Kennedy Wilson
Morgan County Boys & Girls Club

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Kennedy is in the 8th grade and aspires to attend Ball State. She has attended the club for 6 years and enjoys playing volleyball in her free time.



Andrea Roscoe
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater NW IN

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Andrea is a sophomore in high school and aspires to attend Purdue University. She has attended the club for 3 years and enjoys writing, singing, dancing, and volunteering.



Jocelyn Endress
Boys & Girls Club of Tipton

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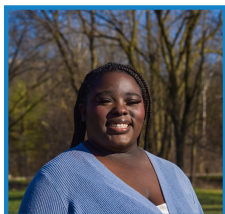
Jocelyn is in the 7th grade and has an interest in cosmetology. She has attended the club for 3 years and enjoys playing cards, board games, and softball in her free time.



Khalia Hurd
Wayne County Boys & Girls Clubs

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Khalia is a freshman in high school aspiring to attend a HBCU. She has attended the club for 7 years and enjoys volunteering, specifically at nursing homes.



Arael Stigler
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis

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Arael is a senior in high school and has attended the club for 8 years. In her free time, Arael enjoys crocheting.



Justice Thompson
Elkhart County Boys & Girls Clubs

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Justice is a senior in high school and plans to attend Michigan State or Western Michigan. She has attended the club for 12 years and enjoys reading, painting, playing & watching sports, and Disney.



Kourtney Spencer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Indiana

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Kourtney is a freshman in high school and has attended the club for 7 years. In her free time, Kourtney enjoys drawling and listening to music.