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Brendan Stutts Named Boys & Girls Club of Troy Youth of the Year

TROY, MI - Troy Athens High School senior Brendan Stutts was selected as the 2018 Boys & Girls Club of Troy Youth of the Year. Brendan will now compete against members of other Boys & Girls Clubs in the state for the Michigan Youth of the Year title and a \$5,000 college scholarship courtesy of program sponsors which include Disney and Toyota.



As the 2018 Youth of the Year honoree for the Boys & Girls Club of Troy, the 17-year old is among hundreds of teens across the country being recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

BGCA's premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The program encourages Club members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities.



"Brendan is an outstanding young leader. Brendan has been at the club longer than almost anyone else here. We have witnessed him grow from a quiet and shy child to a leader for all of our youth here. I'm amazed by not only by how far Brendan has come both academically and personally, but that he continues to give back to the club that has given him so much," said Boys & Girls Club of Troy CEO Jeff Evans. "His talent, personality and work ethic make him a well-deserved representative of the Boys & Girls Club of Troy and the local community."

"It is an honor to represent the Boys & Girls Club of Troy as the 2018 Youth of the Year," said Brendan. "I will make certain that my voice is heard and I will always show pride and respect for my Club. I will also make sure that everyone knows how amazing it is to be a part of a great environment, the Boys & Girls Club of Troy."

Brendan has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club for ten years. He has volunteered in a number of roles throughout the Club, most notably as the current President of the Keystone

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Club. Additionally, Brendan volunteers in our art room as an assistant to the staff in an effort to give back to a place where he learned so much. He has participated in the Club's arts programs, cooking club, and Passport to Manhood. Brendan is a past winner of the Power Hour Student of the Month and Youth of the Month. After graduation, Brendan plans on attending Oakland Community College with a concentration on accounting and finance.

Each year, thousands of Club teens participate in local, state and regional Youth of the Year events. Six teens, including five regional winners and a national military youth winner, advance to Washington, D.C., for the National Youth of the Year Gala & Celebration Dinner, where one outstanding young person is named Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national teen spokesperson. The National Youth of the Year is a role model, leader and advocate for the nearly four million youth served by Boys & Girls Clubs each year, and all of America's young people.

ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TROY

The Boys & Girls Club of Troy, located at 3670 John R Road, is a non-profit youth development organization that provides educational and recreational activities, in addition to mentoring programs, to more than 1,200 children, aged six to 18, in the tri-county area of metropolitan Detroit. For nearly four decades, the Club's positive environment has enabled members to become responsible, self-reliant, and caring adults. Visit www.bgctroy.org for more information.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (GreatFutures.org) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, some 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs serve nearly 4 million children and teens through Club membership and community outreach.