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EXCEPTIONAL TEEN NAMED MARYLAND YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Jamison Welsh set to receive college scholarship and vie for regional title this summer

Westminster, MD, June 1, 2022 – Selected among four outstanding youth, Jamison has been named the Maryland Youth of the Year by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. Now in its 75th year, the Youth of the Year program honors our nation's most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures. As the Maryland Youth of the Year, Jamison will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and will advance to the regional Youth of the Year and ultimately the national event.

Jamison, a sophomore at Winters Mill High School is the second teen from the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster to receive the State title. Jamison is very creative and wants to pursue a career as a high school art teacher. She focuses her efforts on ensuring that youth find their voices and use them in a productive way to create positive change. As a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster, Jamison is actively involved in many health, wellness and leadership activities. She recently served as a peer leader for the Club's Find Your Natural High program that helped teens discover the euphoric feeling they get when they do something they love without using substances. WTTR radio is featuring Jamison's Natural High public service announcement this summer.

"We are incredibly proud of Jamison and all the Youth of the Year nominees," said Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "Being named Youth of the Year is a lifelong honor and accomplishment. As the Maryland Youth of the Year, Jamison will serve as a spokesperson for Boys & Girls Club kids and teens across the state who need more role models that they can admire and emulate." Sean Davis, CEO of the Westminster Club said, "We are beyond proud that Jamison was selected as Maryland Youth of the Year. She is an incredible young person who always sets a positive tone for her peers. She now gets to take her talents outside of Westminster and provide that same example for youth across Maryland."

Founded in 1947 as Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Club. The Youth of the Year program is supported by Toyota and Mondelez-



International. As the Signature Sponsor of Youth of the Year, Toyota is committed to collaborating with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to ensure local Clubs provide life-enhancing opportunities for kids and teens to explore, develop and apply the essential skills they need to be successful in life and work. As the Lead Sponsor of Youth of the Year, Mondelēz International will engage local Clubs to help foster a new generation of leaders prepared to live in and lead a diverse global economy. Youth of the Year representatives are the workforce leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers of tomorrow.

This summer, Jamison will join other state Youth of the Year winners to vie for the Northeast regional title. If named the regional Youth of the Year, she will be awarded an additional \$20,000 college scholarship. The five finalists along with the National Military Youth of the Year will advance to the National Youth of the Year event in Los Angeles in October 2022, to vie for the title of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional scholarship of \$50,000 and a brand-new Toyota Corolla.

For more information about the Youth of the Year program, visit www.youthoftheyear.org.

About Boys & Girls Club of Westminster

In almost every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship during the critical after-school hours. To help meet the needs of these youth and their families, Boys & Girls Club of Westminster provides healthy, supervised after-school programs. We serve more than 570 of Carroll County's youth annually by providing a safe place to learn and grow, and develop ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals. Our programs function as life-enhancing experiences that lead to hope, opportunity, and, most importantly, fun! Learn more at www.bgcwestminster.org

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For 160 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA.org) has provided a safe place for kids and teens to learn and grow. Clubs offer caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Boys & Girls Clubs programming promotes academic success, good character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. More than 4,700 Clubs serve over 4.3 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of America on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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