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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

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A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Looking back on the school year, we have so much to celebrate here at the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas! For starters, our BGCSCK representative took the title of Kansas Youth of the Year at the State competition in Topeka where he was also given the opportunity to speak with legislators about the impact of the Club!

While in Topeka, our previous Board Chair, Chad Albin, was honored with the Board Volunteer of the Year award selected by the Kansas Alliance for his outstanding leadership and hard work, and our Holy Savior Unit Director, Connie Franklin, received the Administrative Professional of the Year award for her positivity and dedication!

As we look forward to summer, I wanted to thank you for your continued support to our mission of enabling young people! At BGCSCK, we know that none of this would be possible without our Board members, donors, program volunteers, team members, and so many more— so today, we also celebrate you! Thank you for your support in helping us do whatever it takes for youth in South Central Kansas!

Junnae Campbell, CEO

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

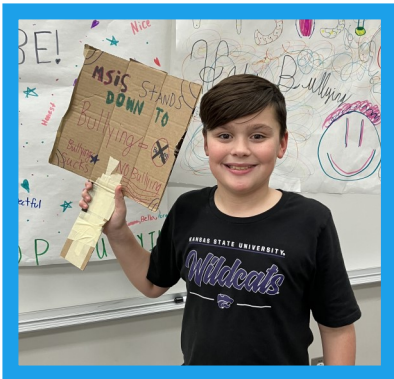


This semester at all of our fifteen sites, we provided reading programs, STEM activities, and daily homework help.

These academic programs are designed to ensure that all Club members graduate from high school on time and are ready for the next steps in their education and career!



GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP



In order to encourage and develop good character and citizenship for our members, we focused on positive action programs, Youth of the Year, and a bullying prevention course.

These programs help our members become responsible, caring citizens who are involved in our community.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



During our healthy lifestyles programs, members develop their physical fitness while also reducing stress.

From gym time to snack time, these programs give our members a positive use of their leisure time and help them develop interpersonal skills.



Kansas Youth of the Year

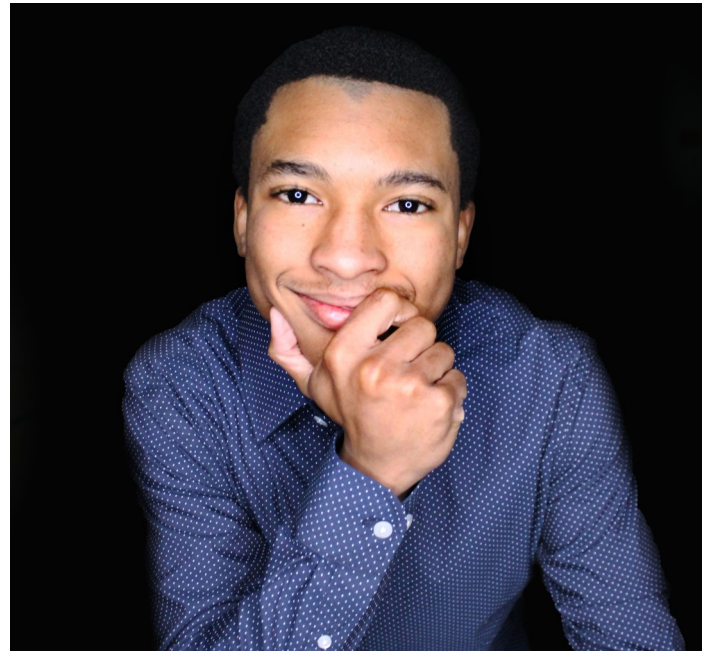
Meet Khaai

The Youth of the Year (YOY) 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.

In order to compete, candidates must be a member for more than three years, write three essays, interview with a panel of judges, and prepare a 3-5 min speech.

To give a glimpse into the powerful speech of our BGCSCK representative, Khaai, he closes by saying, "Thanks to the Boys & Girls Club, I not only know who I am, but why I wake up every day. I am Khaai, proudly adopted, varsity athlete, straight A student, and a rep of the Wichita Heights High School Avid, class of 2025. I want to be a role model for my generation. I want to make my family and friends proud. I am confident I can be a leader of this generation because I have learned the key to success- that is to be yourself, because no one else is a better version of you, than you are."

Shortly after giving his speech in Topeka, Khaai was selected among five outstanding youth and named the Kansas YOY by Boys & Girls Clubs of America.



As the Kansas YOY, Khaai will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state and will receive a \$3,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Khaai will advance to compete for the Southwest Regional title on June 6th in Frisco, Texas.

The Regional YOY will be awarded an additional \$20,000 college scholarship. The finalist will advance to the National YOY event, to vie for the title of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National YOY receives an additional scholarship of \$50,000 and a brand-new Toyota Corolla.



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Khaai's journey!

BECAUSE YOU CARED



93% of Club members reported that adults at the Club believe that I will be successful.



70% of our members reported having an increase in self-esteem.



82% of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.



Volunteer Spotlight

Before their upcoming grand opening in July, Scheel's employees spent time supporting the community through volunteering. During their visits with BGCSCK, they cleaned and organized our Oaklawn & Opportunity Clubs! We cannot thank them enough for helping us with our spring cleaning!



THEY NEED YOU!

Please consider donating to continue our mission of enabling young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens!

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