



EXCEPTIONAL TEEN NAMED *NEW JERSEY* YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Nzingha Rothmiller set to receive college scholarship and vie for regional title this month

Clifton, New Jersey, June 6, 2019 – Selected among 18 outstanding youth, Nzingha has been named the New Jersey 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 72nd year, the Youth of the Year program honors our nation’s most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures and encourages all kids to lead, succeed and inspire. As the New Jersey Youth of the Year, Nzingha will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state. She will receive a \$15,000 college scholarship - \$10,000 from Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey, and \$5,000 from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and will go on to contend for the regional Youth of the Year and ultimately the national title.

Nzingha is a 10th grader at Woodbury Sr High School where she maintains a 4.2 GPA. She has been honored with the Military Medal for Resilience and acts as a Student Representative on the Board of Education. She is a member of the drama club and varsity basketball team. At the Club, where she has been a member for seven years, she participated in leadership programs like Keystone Club and Torch Club. As part of the Healthy Habits program, she developed Nzingha’s Cooking Show to promote healthy eating habits amongst her fellow Club members. Nzingha’s career aspirations are to become an attorney and a Supreme Court Justice.

“We are incredibly proud of Nzingha and all of 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. As the New Jersey Youth of the Year Nzingha will serve as a spokesperson for Boys & Girls Club kids across the state who need more role models that they can emulate.”

Founded more than seventy years ago 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 recognition program is presented by The Walt Disney Company, who has supported Boys & Girls Clubs of America for more than 50 years, empowering young people to reach their full potential and providing youth with access to the tools they need to build the great futures they imagine. Toyota is the Signature Sponsor of the National Youth of the Year program.

This month, Nzingha will join other state winners to vie for the Northeast regional title. If named the regional winner, she will be awarded an additional \$10,000 college scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$40,000. Six youth, including five regional winners and a military youth winner, will advance to Washington, D.C. in September 2019, to compete for the title of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of \$25,000, renewable for four years up to \$100,000.

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

About Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey

Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey is an alliance of 22 Boys & Girls Club organizations serving nearly 70,000 youth ages 5-18 throughout the Garden State. Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey is a collaborative effort representing all 22 Clubs with the purpose of building local Club capacity; raising public awareness; and securing resources and financial support to increase the impact and reach of NJ Clubs. Learn more at www.bgcnj.org

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more than 150 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (<http://www.bgca.org>) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, 4,600 Clubs serve 4.7 million young people annually 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. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club programs promote academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 54 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more at [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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