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YOUTH <sup>OF</sup> <sub>THE</sub> YEAR



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# 2021 NEW JERSEY YOUTH OF THE YEAR



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Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City  
Member for 13 years

Career Aspirations: News Anchor

Defining Characteristics: Determined & Kind



## **Tamiah W.**

Boys & Girls Club of Camden County  
Member for 6 years

Career Aspirations: Veterinarian

Defining Characteristics: Charismatic & Optimistic

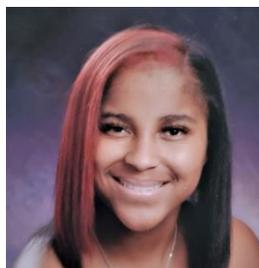


## **Rawan A.**

Boys & Girls Club of Clifton  
Member for 2 years

Career Aspirations: Lawyer

Defining Characteristics: Ambitious & Empowered



## **Melia G.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County  
Member for 11 years

Career Aspirations: Neonatologist

Defining Characteristics: Resilient & Ambitious



## **Acelynn A.**

Boys & Girls Club of Garfield  
Member for 9 years

Career Aspirations: Detective

Defining Characteristics: Nurturing & Strong



## **Joshua W.**

Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne  
Member for 10 years

Career Aspirations: Biomedical Engineer

Defining Characteristics: Vibrant & Honest

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## **Divya M.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County  
Member for 7 years

Career Aspirations: Mathematician

Defining Characteristics: Imagination & Grit

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## **Amanda F.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County  
Member for 2 years

Career Aspirations: Pediatrician

Defining Characteristics: Hardworking & Kindhearted

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## **Mychael H.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County  
Member for 5 years

Career Aspirations: Video Game Animator

Defining Characteristics: Resilient & Respectful

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## **Kahmya R.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth County  
Member for 7 years

Career Aspirations: Entrepreneur

Defining Characteristics: Ambitious

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## **Cielo M.**

Boys & Girls Club of Newark  
Member for 6 years

Career Aspirations: Dermatologist

Defining Characteristics: Leader & Flexible

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## **Ajanae M.**

Boys & Girls Club of Paterson/Passaic  
Member for 9 years

Career Aspirations: Psychiatrist

Defining Characteristics: Compassionate & Ambitious

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## **Joy S.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County  
Member for 4 years

Career Aspirations: Teacher

Defining Characteristics: Outspoken & Intuitive

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## **Victoria B.**

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Newark-Ironbound  
Member for 12 years

Career Aspirations: Zoologist

Defining Characteristics: Responsible & Hardworking

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## **Victor O.**

Fort Dix Youth Center  
Member for 9 years

Career Aspirations: Lawyer

Defining Characteristics: Considerate & Dedicated

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## **Kela L.**

McGuire Youth Center  
Member for 6 years

Career Aspirations: Architectural Engineer

Defining Characteristics: Persistent

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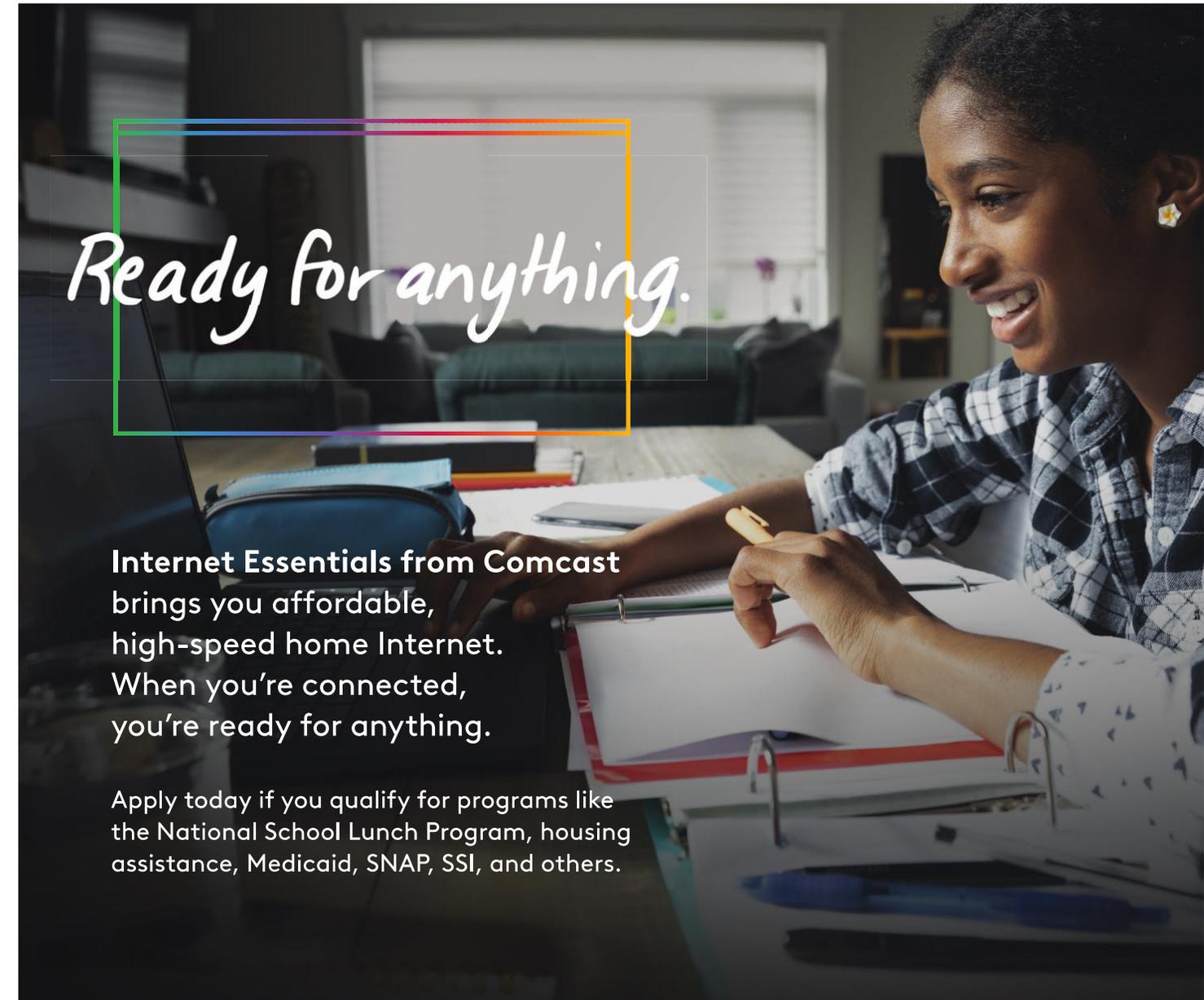


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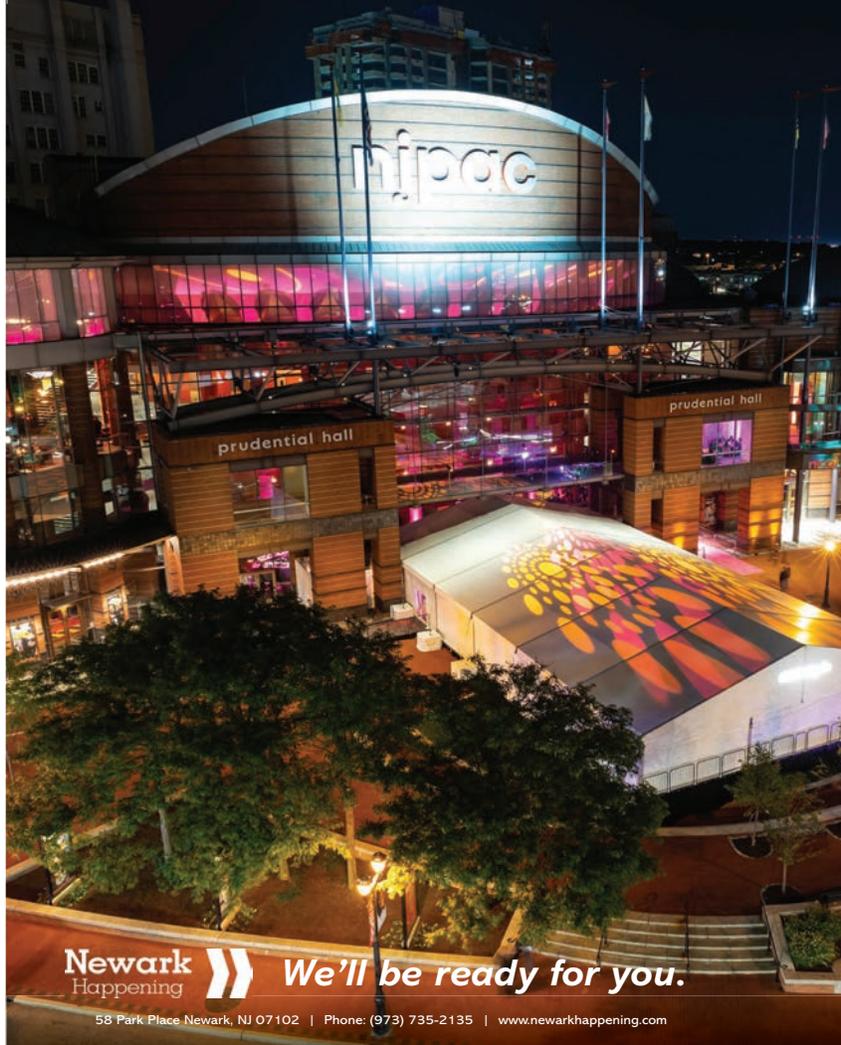
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