

## Jonlyn Forest Named Youth of the Year

Selecting the BGCL Youth of the Year is never an easy decision, and this year was no different. A panel of judges selected Jonlyn Forest as Youth of the Year out of three outstanding candidates. Jonlyn rose to the top of the competition for her demonstration of leadership, character, community service, and academic excellence and her resilience in overcoming challenging obstacles – all of which she credits to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier helping her along the way.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive and recognizes members for outstanding contributions to their family, school, community and Boys & Girls Clubs.



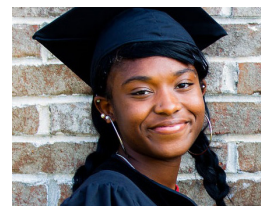
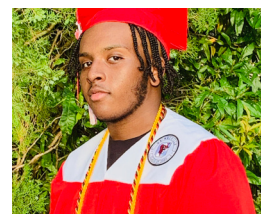
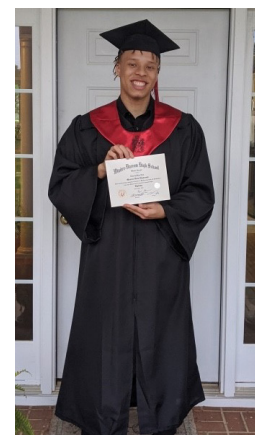
Gabe Copeland, Tameka Copeland, Jonlyn Forest

At only 15 years old, Jonlyn, a Gainesville High School sophomore, has risen as a leader inside our Clubs, at school and in the community, and is a shining example that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs. She has been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs for seven years, is currently president of the Keystone Leadership Club and at school is Junior Varsity Cheerleader Captain. During the past year she has logged more than 100 volunteer hours. Jonlyn has her eyes set on attending Xavier University and becoming a Cardiothoracic Surgeon.

## Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates

Their senior year may have ended differently than they planned, but that has not diminished how very proud we are of our 12 members who graduated high school this spring. We are incredibly impressed by the work these youth have put into becoming well-rounded individuals. And these outstanding teens are on their way to Great Futures because you choose to support our mission and believe every young person deserves the opportunity to realize their potential.

<b>Dionte Daniels</b>	<i>Valdosta State</i>
<b>Trenton Jackson</b>	<i>Valdosta State</i>
<b>Deondre Reed</b>	<i>Valdosta State</i>
<b>Quez Borders</b>	<i>University Virginia Wise</i>
<b>Jamel Seagers</b>	<i>Wheeling University</i>
<b>Ashiyah Smith</b>	<i>Undecided</i>
<b>Tyanna Young</b>	<i>Lanier Tech</i>
<b>Keshaun White</b>	<i>Wilberforce University</i>
<b>Soloman Riley</b>	<i>Undecided</i> <i>(entertaining football offers)</i>
<b>Jordan Williams</b>	<i>Georgia Tech</i>
<b>Makius Scott</b>	<i>South Carolina</i>
<b>Monroe Lipscomb</b>	<i>Going straight into the work force</i>



## Duane Hinshaw Scholarship Fund

As the Youth of the Year winner, Jonlyn received a \$1,000 scholarship for college expenses from the Duane Hinshaw Scholarship Fund. Established in 2017 in honor of former Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Chief Professional Officer, Duane Hinshaw, the scholarship honors his instrumental work for the Clubs by helping BGCL Youth of the Year participants further their education and continue on their journey to becoming productive, caring, responsible adults.



# COVID-19 Response: Doing **WHATEVER IT TAKES** is Not Cancelled

We are committed to doing Whatever It Takes to build great futures, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Here are a few of the ways we continue serving families, youth and the community during these challenging times:

## Meals Pick up Program!

- In partnership with our schools, we are filling the gaps by providing meals and snacks to hundreds of kids and their families every week!
- Kids who rely on the breakfast and lunch programs at school have access to a week's worth of healthy meals by picking up boxes of food every week at Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier.



# 183

youth registered for distance learning

# 144

hours of Club staff training/professional development conducted

## Club from Home! K-5 and Teen Virtual Programming

- Our virtual programming ensures kids continue learning during out-of-school time through daily enrichment activities and a weekly program schedule focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.



# 138

lesson plans created

# 200

video lessons filmed

# 988

video lesson views

## Distance Learning and Mentoring via ZOOM meetings!

- Live mentoring and homework help sessions engage teens and sustain positive relationships with caring adults.
- Staff are working to keep our members connected with their mentors and friends - calling Club member families at home, so they can have a familiar voice to talk to during this uncertain time and connecting with Club members online in small groups so they can talk with their friends.



# 103

hours of distance learning/tutoring provided

**We were excited to welcome our members back when our Clubs re-opened in July!**