

# IMPACT REPORT SUMMER 2022

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier helps kids and teens achieve **GREAT FUTURES** by providing a fun, safe, and encouraging environment. We focus on building **academic success**, **healthy lifestyles**, and **good character and citizenship** for all young people.



## Congratulations Graduates



Congratulations to all senior Club graduates! Each is on their way to their next adventure with plans to attend college. Because you support our mission, these students are prepared for success and bound for **GREAT Futures**.

**100%**  
graduation rate

Join us in  
congratulating these  
members on  
graduating high  
school with a plan  
for the future.

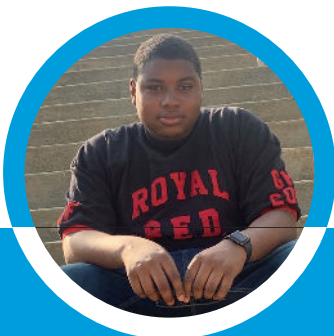
## Senior Spotlight



### Jonlyn Forest

*Alabama A&M University*

"I am proud to say that I have been a BGCL member for 9+ years and am now a 2022 graduate from Gainesville High School. I plan to attend Alabama A&M to major in biology with a minor in pre-professional health with hopes of later becoming a nurse practitioner. I'm forever grateful for the Boys & Girls Clubs and the many individuals who have helped me reach this point in life."



### GaRyan Finch

*Lanier Technical College*

"I am a proud member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Teen Center. I can now proudly say I am a graduate of Gainesville High School and plan to attend Lanier Tech to pursue a career in HVAC."



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# Jaiyah Stringer Named Youth of the Year

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. This year, we are proud to announce Gainesville High School Junior, **Jaiyah Stringer** as the **2022 BGCL Youth of the Year**.

Jaiyah has been a BGCL member for 10 years and loves being at the Club so much, she's serving in the Youth Employment Program as a leader for younger Club members this summer.



“ I have always felt like the staff members really cared about me and they have always been there for me... For me, BGCL is like a second family. It's a place that I can really call home and be comfortable being myself. - Jaiyah Stringer

Jaiyah is a passionate mental health advocate and plans to devote her future to psychology and help teenagers in her own community who, like herself, have faced their share of hardships and difficulties.

Selected among three outstanding youth, Stringer was awarded a **\$2,500** scholarship from the **Duane Hinshaw Scholarship Fund** for having demonstrated determination and excellence as a Club member. Locally, the Youth of the Year program is supported by the **Clipper Petroleum Foundation**.



## Girls Empowering Movement (GEM)

GEM, a statewide program spearheaded by the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, empowers middle school girls to take charge of their health and prepares them for success. They join in activities that teach them new skills, like their recent trip to Elachee Nature Center where they participated in the Wilderness 101 training and hike. The girls learned survival skills, what to do if in danger, how to tie basic knots, how to build a fire using natural supplies, and enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors.

## Duck Derby

This year's 24th Annual Rubber Duck Derby was the most successful yet, with a **record-setting 24,000** duck adoptions and over **\$240,000** raised to benefit kids at our Clubs.

Volunteers, organizations, and families came out to enjoy the festival at Lake Lanier Olympic Park. The conditions were perfect to cheer on 24,000 rubber ducks as they raced to the finish line.

“ We could not hold a successful event like this without the support of incredible sponsors and volunteers. I would like to thank our presenting sponsor, **Northeast Georgia Health System**, along with all our sponsors and duck adopters whose support made this year's Duck Derby a record-breaking event. - Steve Mickens, BGCL CEO



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