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Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Announces Youth of the Year

Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods is proud to announce the 2018 Youth of the Year, Quin Maynor of McKinleyville. Quin was selected from a pool of four applicants from the Eureka Teen Center, McKinleyville Teen Center, and Teen Court, and was judged by Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Board Members Jaison Chand, Anita Beers, and Chris Miller, as well as Area Director Keon Gaither, and Executive Director Monica Rose. "This was a really tough decision, the candidates this year exemplified strong leadership, community involvement, and good character. We are proud to have our first ever McKinleyville youth as our Youth of the Year," Executive Director, Monica Rose said.

Quin is a ninth grader at McKinleyville High School, and active in his community. Within the Boys & Girls Club, he has become an active leader and advocate, making his way through the Junior Staff Program, how running activities for other members by himself. "Quin is consistently impressive in both the way he treats members, as well as staff, as well his curiosity towards the world", said Jesse Summerson, Unit Director for the McKinleyville Teen Center.

Youth of the Year is a Boys & Girls Club of America program, recognizing members who are examples of what the organization strives for with every youth that walks through the Clubs doors. Teens are judged on a list of criteria including service to the community, academic success, character and life goals, and public speaking ability. Winners of the local award have the option to compete at the State, Regional, and National levels of competition. The National Youth of the Year enjoys a meeting with the President of the United States, receives more than \$50,000 in college scholarships, and represents the Movement's 4 million youth for the next year. Anita Beers, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Board Member said, "Quin, The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Youth of the Year winner for 2018, encompassed all the qualities we were looking for to represent the Club. He is a member of the McKinleyville Teen Center, and is not only a peer leader for other Club kids, he is very active in service clubs in his community. Quin has a natural leadership quality and we are looking forward to watching him accomplish anything he sets his mind to in the future."

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Pictured: Quin Maynor, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Youth of the Year 2018

The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods exists to empower youth (ages 6 through 18) to reach their full potential as responsible, caring individuals through professionally led programs and activities that are fun, positive and relevant in a safe, supportive and healthy environment.

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