

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MERCER COUNTY SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY



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OF MERCER COUNTY

ABOUT THE SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

The 2020 Senior Awards Ceremony recognizes Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County (the Club) members who are graduating from high school and have participated in Club programs over the years with various scholarship awards to fund post-secondary plans. These scholarships are funded by our Run for Club Kids event that takes place each fall, in addition to other donors, and foundations who support the Club. All participants in our college access programs are eligible for scholarship awards at the end of each school year.

For more information or to donate to this program please visit www.bgcmrcer.org.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MERCER COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County has been serving youth, ages 3-18, in the Trenton Mercer area since 1937.

We provide young people with safe, fun, mission driven programs after school, during the summer, and on weekends.

Our programs focus on education, career preparation, leadership and character development, and healthy living practices.

Each year we strive to increase the number of teens who graduate from high school and go on to college, trade or technical schools, or assist them in developing solid career paths.

2020 SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcome

David E. Anderson, President & CEO

Introduction of our Teen Program & Staff

Zoubir Yazid, Chief Operating Officer

Recognition of Club Seniors

Alycia Bertles, Teen Director

Jermaine Jackson, Associate Teen Director

Charles Evans Awards

Zyhmir Eutsey

Romello Parler

William Green

Samantha Dembowski

College Access Program Awards

Jaelen Jackson

Romello Parler

Zyhmir Eutsey

Justice James

Jeremy Peterson Award

William Green

Herbert F. Moore Award

Wesley Cordy

Moore “Mosie” Gates, Jr. Award

Makai Reese

Most Involved Teen of the Year

Dakira Brown-Sheppard

Youth of the Year Award

Samantha Dembowski



Romello Parler

Charles Evans & College Access Awards

High School: Trenton Central High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Bike Exchange

Post-Secondary School: Universal Technical Institute



Zyhmir Eutsey

Charles Evans & College Access Awards

High School: Daylight Twilight
Alternative High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Sports,
College Access, Youth of the Year

Post-Secondary School: Mercer County
Community College



Makai Reese

Moore "Mosie" Gates, Jr. Award

High School: Lawrence High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, College
Access, Cooking Club, Youth of the Year

Post-Secondary: pursuing a career in law
enforcement or criminal justice



Jaelen Jackson

College Access Award

High School: Burlington Township High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Sports, College
Access, Computer Exchange

Post-Secondary School: Rider University



Wesley Cordy

Herbert F. Moore Award

High School: Trenton Central High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Bike Exchange, College Access

Post-Secondary School: Mercer County Community College



William Green

Charles Evans & Jeremy Peterson Awards

High School: Trenton Central High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Bike Exchange, College Access, Youth of the Year

Post-Secondary School: William Paterson University



Dakira Brown-Sheppard

Most Involved Teen of the Year

High School: Trenton Central High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, College Access, Keystone, Youth of the Year

Post-Secondary: Interested in becoming an entrepreneur



Justice James

College Access Award

High School: Ewing High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, Sports, College Access, Robotics, Chess Club

Post-Secondary School: Morgan State University



Samantha Dembowski

Youth of the Year & Charles Evans Awards

High School: Ewing High School

Club Programs: Career Launch, College Access, Dance Club, Youth of the Year

Post-Secondary School: Mercer County Community College

ABOUT THE CHARLES EVANS AWARD

Charles Evans was an American business leader. He was born and educated in New York. After serving in the United States Army, he went to work as a salesman in the fashion industry and later founded Evan-Picone, a retail fashion house. He had the idea of giving women's skirts a "menswear look" and designed a variation on a simple skirt with a fly front that he thought would find a market among fashion-conscious women.

When he sold his fashion business in 1962 to Revlon, Mr. Evans went into commercial real estate, forming The Evans Partnership with his brother-in-law, architect Michael Shure. Within a short period of time, his company became one of the major developers of office buildings in the Northeast. In 1981, Mr. Evans ventured into the movie business. He developed a screenplay about an actor who succeeds when dressed as a woman, and produced the film TOOTSIE.

The success inspired him to produce additional films.

Mr. Evans died on June 2, 2007 in New York City, at the age of eighty-one leaving trustees to distribute the assets of his estate to charities of their choice. One of charities selected was the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County allowing us to establish an endowment fund and to provide these scholarships.

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Jermaine Jackson

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& all of the Parents, Family & Friends

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MERCER COUNTY TEEN PROGRAMS

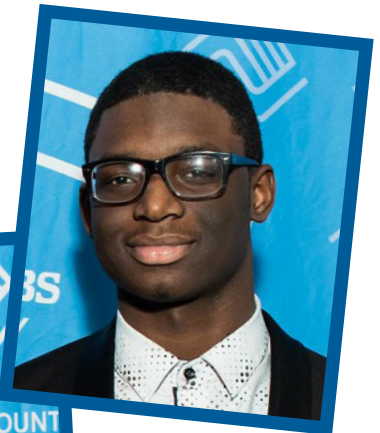
Boys & Girls Clubs provide solutions to problems facing teens today. We nurture young people's self-esteem by instilling in them a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, and competence.

This is done daily by providing one-on-one relationships with caring adult professionals.

We help teens to develop their character and leadership skills. We enable teens to do well in school, set goals, explore careers, and prepare for employment. We encourage youth to set healthy lifestyle goals. We nurture creativity, and encourage appreciation for the arts. We provide recreational activities allowing teens to develop physical and social skills.

ABOUT THE JEREMY PETERSON AWARD

Jeremy Peterson and his father volunteered regularly at the Club while Jeremy was in high school. Through his experience, Jeremy learned the importance of giving back to others, developed relationships with Club members, and found a deep appreciation for the world around him. After his passing in 2019, his parents, friends, and family established an endowment fund to support the Club's College Access Program in Jeremy's memory.



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ABOUT THE HERBERT F. MOORE AWARD

Mr. Moore was a noted attorney for AAA for decades. During that time period he also served on our Board of Directors. He served for more than 10 years as our Board Chair. During this tenure he oversaw multiple building projects which resulted in growth of Club programs for city residents. In honor of what would have been his 100th birthday an endowment fund was established by his wife Parvine F. Moore.

ABOUT THE MOORE “MOSIE” GATES, JR. AWARD

Affectionately known as Mosie, he served as a volunteer for Boys & Girls Clubs for over 40 years. For many of those years he served on the National Board of Governors. Living in Princeton, Mosie advocated for us, his local Club, and assisted with many local fundraising campaigns. One of his more recent projects was serving as honorary chair of the capital campaign to fund the building of the Spruce Street Clubhouse. Mosie passed in 2019 and an endowment fund was established in his name.



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