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Boys & Girls Club 2017 Connecticut Youth of the Year

Shelton, CT, May 25, 2017 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley is proud to announce that Sabrina M., the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley's 2017 Youth of the Year, has been named 2017 Connecticut Youth of the Year. Youth of the Year is the highest honor the Boys & Girls Club organization can bestow upon a member.

Sabrina traveled to Hartford on May 24 to join 13 other youth in competition for the state title. The young men and women spent the day in interviews with a panel of judges comprised of local business executives.

Sabrina joined our Boys & Girls Club as a shy 10-year old and has grown into a confident young woman who earned our Raymond P. Lavietes Unit's 2016 Girl of the Year award. As the Connecticut state Youth of the Year, Sabrina will now travel to New York in June for the Northeast Region competition.

Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members. Each year, one exceptional Club member is selected to be the National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year serves as both an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Club youth and as a strong voice for all of our nation's young people. The journey to being named National Youth of the Year begins locally and progresses to the state, regional and national levels. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year on any level, Club members must embody the values of leadership and service; academic excellence; and healthy lifestyles. They should exemplify the critical impact that Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of young people.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us at www.BGC-LNV.org.

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Pictured left to right: Jennifer DeLeon, (Lavietes Clubhouse Unit Director) Sabrina M. (2017 Connecticut Youth of the Year), Shaye Roscoe (Executive Director)

