



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY

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**Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley  
Travels to DC for Day of Advocacy**

**Shelton, CT, February 27, 2019** – At the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, we see every day the inequities and roadblocks facing our country's young people. It's with that in mind that we commit to providing every child the opportunity for a better future, no matter their background, to assuring success is within reach for every young person who enters our doors and that everyone reaches their full potential. But we can't do it alone.

Shaye Roscoe, Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley Executive Director, and Joseph A. Pagliaro, Jr., Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Area Council Board member representing Connecticut and Rhode Island, along with hundreds of other Club leaders from across the nation are traveling to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on March 4-6 as part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Days of Advocacy. She will focus on sharing with members of Congress the issues that matter most to our kids, and why afterschool programs like those offered by Boys & Girls Clubs are critical in ensuring great futures for America's youth. Boys & Girls Clubs are essential places in kids' lives, where they can develop skills, make lasting connections with mentors, and achieve great futures. It's vital that our elected officials know what we are doing for our community.

Every day, 11.3 million youth leave school with nowhere to go; in the summertime that number rises to 43 million. These kids miss out on valuable learning opportunities as well as a safe place to go when school isn't in session. With youth spending more time out of school than in, access to out-of-school programs can make a considerable difference in their lives now and in the future. Decades of research shows that these programs help kids learn, grow, and avoid risky behaviors. More than 10 million children attend after school programs once the school day ends. Access to quality and impactful out-of-school programs is an economic, moral, and national imperative for our country.

Whether through tutoring and homework help, access to technology, college and career readiness programs or skills development, Clubs have an outstanding track record of helping young people make academic strides. The success of our programs can be seen by the achievements of our youth as we guide them along the road to high school graduation with a solid plan for the future. Right now, 1 in 6 kids don't graduate on time. 97 percent of teen Club members say they expect to graduate high school, while regularly attending Club members from low-income families outperform their peers academically with 74 percent getting As and Bs in school, more than 10 percent higher than their peers nationally.



At the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, 100 percent of our high school seniors graduated this past year, and 100 percent of those graduates moved on to higher education.

We also know that investment in out-of-school opportunities creates impact in local communities, especially for working families that rely on Boys & Girls Clubs as a means to be employed full-time. Every \$1 invested in a Boys & Girls Club returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.

Our kids' success isn't just on Congress or our state legislature, it's on all of us to move the needle for youth in America, creating real opportunity based on kids' potential—not on the circumstances that surround them. Our young people are the promise of tomorrow, our future leaders and innovators of our economy. Prioritizing and investing in after school time not only leads to better outcomes for our kids, but also to a healthier, safer, and more prosperous nation.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley visit us at [www.BGC-LNV.org](http://www.BGC-LNV.org)

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