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## Samantha Heins Named Youth of the Year

Shelton, CT, April 27, 2009 – Samantha Heins has been selected to represent the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley in Hartford as 2009 Youth of the Year. This two-day event, honoring the Boys & Girls Clubs' best youth throughout the state, will be held on April 28-29 at the State Capital. During the two days, honorees will meet their local legislators, Speaker of the House Christopher Donovan, Lt. Governor Michael Fedele, and Governor Jodi Rell.

State Youth of the Year winners compete to be a Regional Youth of the Year winner, and Regional Youth of the Year winners compete in Washington, DC, to be named National Youth of the Year. Sam Heins has won a \$1,000 Presidential College Scholarship for winning Youth of the Year at her local Boys & Girls Club—the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley. She will receive additional scholarship money for every level of competition she wins.

Sam will be recognized by her local Club at its annual Awards Dinner on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Other honorees that evening include DeVante Parks, 2009 Boy of the Year, and more than 200 other youngsters, who will be presented awards in all aspects of Club programming.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit out website at ww.bgc-Inv.com.

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