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INAUGURAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 | Los Robles Greens | 11:30am – 1:15pm



ABOUT YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Honoring Our Future Leaders

Since 1947, the Youth of the Year program has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition platform. It celebrates outstanding Club teens who have demonstrated academic excellence, strong character, leadership skills, and a commitment to community service.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley, this journey begins at the Club level, where candidates undergo weeks of preparation—from personal essays and speech coaching to resume building and interviews—culminating in this powerful luncheon celebration.



WHY IT MATTERS

Empowering Youth. Transforming Communities.

Youth of the Year honorees represent the very best of what Club programs can accomplish. Each participant has overcome obstacles and emerged as a beacon of resilience, ambition, and compassion.

Through this program, teens gain:

- Mentorship from caring adults
- Public speaking and leadership training
- Scholarship opportunities
- A lifelong platform for advocacy and service

MEET RENIQUE (NICKI) McNEIL

2020 Youth of the Year & California Coastal Youth of the Year

“Before the Boys & Girls Clubs, I wasn’t the best student. I would get in trouble all the time and didn’t have many friends.”



Renique came to the Club at a time when she felt lost—**struggling in school**, disconnected, and unsure of where she belonged.

But at the Club, she discovered more than just programs—she found **support, structure, and people who believed in her.**

What began as after-school visits quickly became a journey of transformation, as she grew into a **trusted leader and role model** for younger members.

RENIQUE (NICKI) McNEIL – Then & Now

Medical Assistant & Psychology Major at Cal State University Northridge

“Being named Youth of the Year highlighted my resilience and personal growth—from a quiet member to someone others looked up to.”

Today, Renique is thriving. She’s a **Psychology major at CSUN**, working as a **medical assistant**, and on track to earn a **personal training certification**.

Her goal? To build a career in **nursing, psychotherapy, or osteopathic medicine**—all rooted in a passion for helping others.

The Club didn’t just shape her path—it **unlocked the future she never imagined possible**.





LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Los Robles Greens | Wednesday, February 4, 2026

11:30 AM

Reception & Networking

12:00 PM

Program Begins

- Welcome & Introductions
- Youth Finalists Share Their Speeches
- 2025 Youth of the Year Announcement & Closing Remarks



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be a Champion for Youth

Luncheon Sponsor – \$5,000

- Two premium tables (8 guests each)
- Featured in all promotional materials
 - Recognition from the stage

Table Sponsor – \$1,500

- One table for 8 guests
- Recognition in all promotional materials

Your partnership supports transformative programming and ensures all youth have a platform to shine.



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