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**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley Announces Jocelyn Evensen
has been named the North Dakota Youth of the Year!**

April 30, 2026, Fargo, ND – Jocelyn Evensen has been named the North Dakota Youth of the Year by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. Now in its 79th year, the Youth of the Year program honors our nation’s most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures. As the North Dakota Youth of the Year, Jocelyn will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and will go on to contend for the regional Youth of the Year and ultimately the national title.

“We are incredibly proud of Jocelyn and all the Youth of the Year nominees,” said Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. “Being named Youth of the Year is a lifelong honor. As the North Dakota Youth of the Year, Jocelyn will serve as a spokesperson for Boys & Girls Club kids across the state who need more role models that they can admire and emulate.”

About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley (BGCRRV.org) is a non-profit organization celebrating more than 50 years of serving Fargo area youth. Our youth development programs are offered before school, after school, and school-out days at 14 Fargo locations and two Youth Centers for youth in grades K-5, and after school and school-out days at The CLUB Teen Center for grades 6-12. BGCRRV programming helps youth achieve in four priority outcome areas: academic success, good character, life and workforce readiness, and health and well-being. Learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley at BGCRRV.org.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For 160 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA.org) has provided a safe place for kids and teens to learn and grow. Clubs offer caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Boys & Girls Clubs programming promotes academic success, good character and leadership, life and workforce readiness, and healthy lifestyles. More than 5,500 Clubs serve over 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of America on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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