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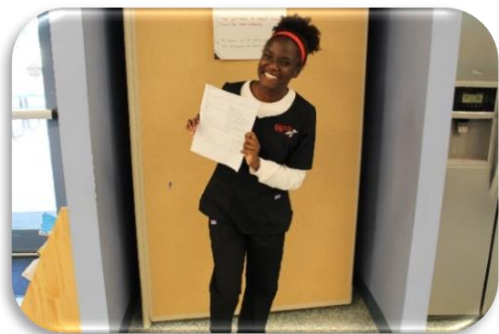
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### **Boys & Girls Clubs of IRC Member Gets CNA Certification**

VERO BEACH: Vero Beach High School senior, Ashanti Bryant, attained her Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) certification through the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) program after much hard work and dedication. Ashanti has been coming to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County's Vero Beach Club since she was 10 years old. Now at the age of 18, she has not only reached her goal of becoming a CNA, but she also has her eyes set on going to college to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Ashanti's Career Counselor at the Club, Kim Nalley, expressed Ashanti is hardworking and no doubt has a rock solid future. When asked what she loves most about nursing, Ashanti shared that she loves the clinical aspect, as well as being hands on and helping people.

Ashanti will also be participating in this year's Youth of the Year competition. She is excited to compete because she wants to be a voice to all students around the world to let them know it is okay to let your light shine.



*Ashanti Bryant proudly displays her CNA Certificate*

#### *About Youth of the Year*

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 73rd year, the Youth of the Year program honors the nation's most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures and encourages all children to lead, succeed and inspire. To participate in the Youth of the Year competition, candidates must write three essays, secure letters of recommendation, prepare an application, interview in front of a panel of judges, and create and present a speech.

*About Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County*

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County improves the lives of young people by providing exceptional facilities, caring mentors, and educational programs after school and during the summer. The organization serves 1,300 children ages 6-18 annually, and 83% qualify for free or reduced lunches in school. The Clubs operate three facilities, one each in Vero Beach, Sebastian and Fellsmere. In 2019, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County received the highest possible ranking from Charity Navigator for the sixth consecutive year, putting it in the top 11% of charities across the nation. For more information, visit [www.bgcirc.org](http://www.bgcirc.org), [www.facebook.com/bgcirc](https://www.facebook.com/bgcirc), or call 772-299-7449.