

2026 KOOTENAI COUNTY



Jacklin Arts Cultural Center

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Doors open at 5:30 PM

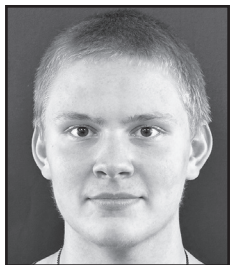
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Michael Higgason, 15



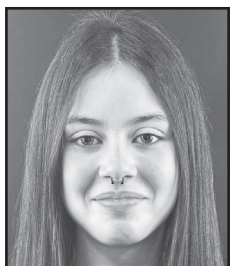
Michael is a standout member whose positivity, responsibility, and dedication make a lasting impact on our Club community. He consistently steps into leadership roles—mentoring younger members, supporting staff, and helping guide activities with a maturity beyond his years. Known for his integrity, teamwork, and compassion, Michael lifts others up, stands up for what's right, and leads by example every day. His commitment to the Club and the people in it makes him an exceptional candidate for Youth of the Year.

River Woodworth, 15



River has been a dedicated Club member since the 2nd grade, spending time at both the Post Falls and CDA locations. In her early days at the Club, she balanced helping staff with the occasional mischievous moment. Over the years, she has become a mentor to younger members, embraced leadership opportunities, and remained a meaningful presence. Now, as a Teen Center leader, her dedication and energy positively impact her peers. She is a source of guidance and a role model. River's journey reflects her growth, resilience, and commitment to making the Club a better place for everyone.

Ryley Watson, 14



Ryley, a two-year Club member, has come out of her shell, revealing a friendly and outgoing young person who understands the importance of community. She brings her peers together and continuously fosters a welcoming environment in the Teen Center. Known for her positivity and compassionate nature, Ryley greets each day with a smile, excited to engage and support everyone who crosses her path. Her presence encourages the group to work as a team to overcome challenges, and she has become a well-spoken role model who effortlessly demonstrates the values of hard work and leadership.

COUNTY YOUTH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Sienna Miller, 18



Sienna, an 18-year-old high school senior, first made her mark as a three-year Club member before returning to inspire others as a staff member. Known for her strong work ethic, infectious positivity, and unwavering dedication, Sienna lifts the energy of everyone around her. Her enthusiasm and commitment make her a natural role model, motivating others to do their best. With plans to pursue higher education, she is determined to continue growing, leading, and making a lasting difference in her community.

Noah Mirabella, 14



Noah, a freshman at Lake City High School, has been a valued member of the Boys & Girls Club for the past two years. Known for his sense of humor, he shines a light on others and brings out the best in everyone around him. Throughout his time at the Club, he has served as a guiding hand for his peers, helping them stay on the right path and make positive choices. Noah's strong commitment to our Teen Center, Torch Club, and the organization as a whole reflects his character, leadership, and passion for the Club.

Chris Catalone, 17



Chris was a six-year Club member before becoming a staff member for a period of time. He always shows up with a positive attitude and a sense of humor that brings joy to everyone around him. A natural leader who is always ready to offer a helping hand, Chris is a blessing to his teammates and fellow Club members alike. His leadership and kindness make him a role model within the organization, as he exemplifies teamwork and compassion. Chris's dedication to making a difference is evident in his commitment to creating a supportive and welcoming community for all at the Club.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Welcome

Mark Kuhnhausen
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR FINALISTS

Michael Higgason speech

Introduced by:

Kinsley Finch
POST FALLS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

River Woodworth speech

Introduced by:

Charlie Leach
CDA PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Ryley Watson speech

Sienna Miller speech

Noah Mirabella speech

Chris Catalone speech

Thank You to Our Finalists

Mark Kuhnhausen
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NIC Scholarship & Youth of
the Year Presentation

Dr. Nick Swayne
PRESIDENT OF NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

Judges:

Sam Bishop VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ben Doornink BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carter Casidy GREEN TEAM, IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION



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