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## Youth of the Year Judges:

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YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2012



Andrew Guettler is the Madison KIDSTOP Youth of the Year. Andrew grew up in the KIDSTOP program, and he's been a junior volunteer in the program ever since. For the past year, Andrew has been promoted to a youth guidance worker at KIDSTOP, but he still volunteers his time on days off. His commitment and dedication to the KIDSTOP program has made a positive impact on countless children. Andrew has taken advantage of many of the education and career development programs offered by the Club, including Career Launch. Working with younger children has become a passion of Andrew's and has helped realize his life's calling as an elementary teacher.



Cham Odol is Southside Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year. Cham is determined to make the dreams her parents had for their children to receive a better education and a successful future come true. Cham has exhibited leadership skills since she first joined the Southside Boys & Girls Club in 2006. Her participation in a broad range of Club programs has prepared her for leadership positions in every area of the Club and throughout the community as well. She has participated in the Club's Youth Speakers Bureau, Keystone service club, park clean-ups, Kids Against Hunger projects, the Cultural Awareness and Racial Equity Team, Social Justice Club and more. She plans to become a social worker to help immigrant families access opportunities when arriving in America.



Kendyll Spells is Eastside Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year. Kendyll has her hand in almost every activity taking place at the Club. She has been a member of both Torch and Keystone Clubs and has used them as a platform for service in her Club and community. She has helped organize carnival games for community events, Club dances, family nights, fundraisers, and more. Kendyll has big plans for her future, including working hard to attend Spelman College in Atlanta. She has always loved to read and hopes someday to write her own novels. She is optimistic about her future because of the strong foundation her mother has provided, along with a lot of help from her Club family.



Kameren Steven is Roosevelt Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year. Kameren Steven has evolved into a respected role model at the Roosevelt Boys & Girls Club. Kameren says that the Boys & Girls Club has helped him understand what it is to be productive, what it is to be responsible and what it is to give back to his community. He has exhibited this understanding through his participation in Club & community programs. He was recognized for his volunteer service at the V.A., as he visits with veterans often to listen to their stories and play card games. Kameren has graduated from Career Launch, Money Matters, Triple Play and the Junior Staff Career Development program. These programs have reinforced his desire to become a high school math teacher.

# Boys & Girls Clubs of Central MN Youth of the Year Program January 28, 2012



- 9:00 a.m. Social reception
- 9:30 a.m. Opening remarks
- 9:45 a.m. Youth of the Year testimonies
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Interviews with judges
- 11:15 a.m. Judges convene
- 12:15 p.m. Declaration of Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year
- 12:20 p.m. Presentation of certificates and scholarship notification
- 12:30 p.m. Closing remarks and photo opportunities

**Our Mission:**  
To inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota's Youth of the Year receives:**  
 \$2,000 through the Windfeldt Family Scholarship Fund  
 \$500 through the Cheryl Lightle & Wade Skaja Scholarship fund  
 \$250 toward State Youth of the Year expenses from Cheryl Lightle & Wade Skaja

**Other Youth of the Year finalists receive:**  
 \$1,000 through the Windfeldt Family Scholarship Fund