

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

## **PROVIDING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS**













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## A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

n behalf of my fellow members, our staff, and the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, I would like to welcome everyone to our 2021-2022 Annual Report! In the coming pages, you'll be able to learn more about the kids who have been impacted by the Club and the staff who dedicate their time to make sure that everyone who walks into the Club is able to achieve their goals and find their own **Pathway to Success**.

Here at the BGCLAH, it is our mission "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

We achieve this through a commitment to quality programs and services in an environment that is safe, nurturing and inspiring." And everyday that mission is being served throughout the LA Harbor area.

Statistics show that a Latino boy, birthed to a single undocumented immigrant mother, in an environment as disastrous as mine would surely crumble and succumb to the life of a gang member; statistics that

many childhood friends are a part of. But thanks to the Boys & Girls Club, I am not that statistic. The Club has always been a second home to me, and even a first home when times get really tough. From homework help and college guidance to social/emotional support to even daily meals, the Club has been nothing short of a life changer for me. Coming to the Club every day has surrounded me with people who motivate me and help me reach my highest

potential.

Because of your support,

I, along with thousands of kids like me, can truly

whatever we chose to be

believe that we can be

in this world.

Because of the Club and the staff there, I've grown to believe that I am *someone*. Someone who can accomplish great things. Someone who can exceed the odds of their environment. All because the staff here saw someone in

me when I didn't even see someone in myself. As with anything in life, there will always be adversities, but when life turns me upside down, the Club has always been there to help hold me up.

Because of your support, I, along with thousand of kids like me, can truly believe that we can be whatever we chose to be in this world, as long as our drive matches our desires. I was able to find my Pathway to Success, and now I can proudly say that I'm a community-oriented and passionate individual who takes pride in my Club membership, I'm a 4.0 GPA student-athlete, who's involved in numerous extracurriculars to ensure that my goals of attending a 4-year university and becoming a politician come true. Not bad for a kid who was supposed to be just a statistic.

As you flip through this Annual Report and hear our stories, I want to thank you for supporting us. I am walking proof, that with the support of my Club and my community and you, Great Futures truly do start here at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Velazquez

2022-2023 Pacific Region Youth of the Year & BGCLAH Club Kid

## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

"I became a Board member of the BGCLAH to help improve the lives of children, especially those who need us the most.

To make the largest impact possible requires an ethical, well-functioning and financially sound organization dedicated to helping these kids see the possibilities and find their pathway to success. My mission as a board member is to maintain and grow the organization that helps them to visualize and achieve their best selves."



Jeff Moses, BGCLAH Board Member







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## **TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE: \$16,239,000**

Government Grants \$5,496,000

Foundation Grants \$2,322,000

Program Fees \$85,000

Contributions **\$7,670,000** 

Events **\$516,000** 

Other **\$150,000** 

## **TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: \$11,219,000**

Program Services \$9,083,000

General & Administrative \$1,105,000

Fundraising Expenses \$860,000

Other Operating \$171,000

## BY THE NUMBERS

## **10,674 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED**

#### Ages:

• Age 5-8: 29%

• Age 9-12: 37%

• Age 13-16: 18%

• Age 17-19: 16%

#### Gender:

• Male: 49%

• Female: 51%

• Other: <1% (.39%)

## Summer youth served:

1,511

Staff:

228

**Board Members:** 

**32** 

#### Ethnicity:

Hispanic or Latino: 69%

Black or African American: 12%

Two or More Races: 8%

• White: 3%

• **Asian: 3**%

• Pacific Islander: 3%

American Indian: 1%

Other Race or Unknown: 1%

#### **20 SITES ACROSS 3 REGIONS**

#### HARBOR CITY REGION

- 1. Cheryl Green Boys & Girls Club\*
- 2. Environmental Charter Middle School
- 3. Fleming Middle School
- 4. Harbor City Boys & Girls Club\*
- 5. Harbor City Elementary School
- 6. Harbor Hills Boys & Girls Club\*
- 7. Harbor Gateway Boys & Girls Club\*
- 8. Narbonne High School

#### **SAN PEDRO REGION**

- 9. Barton Hill Elementary School
- 10. Dana Middle School
- **11.** Park Western Elementary School
- 12. Port of LA Boys & Girls Club\*
- 13. San Pedro Boys & Girls Club\*

#### WILMINGTON REGION

- **14.** Banning High School
- 15. Fries Avenue Elementary School
- 16. Gulf Avenue Elementary School
- 17. Harry Bridges Span School
- 18. Wilmington Boys & Girls Club\*
- 19. Wilmington Park Boys & Girls Club\*
- 20. Wilmington Middle School



## **VOLUNTEERS**



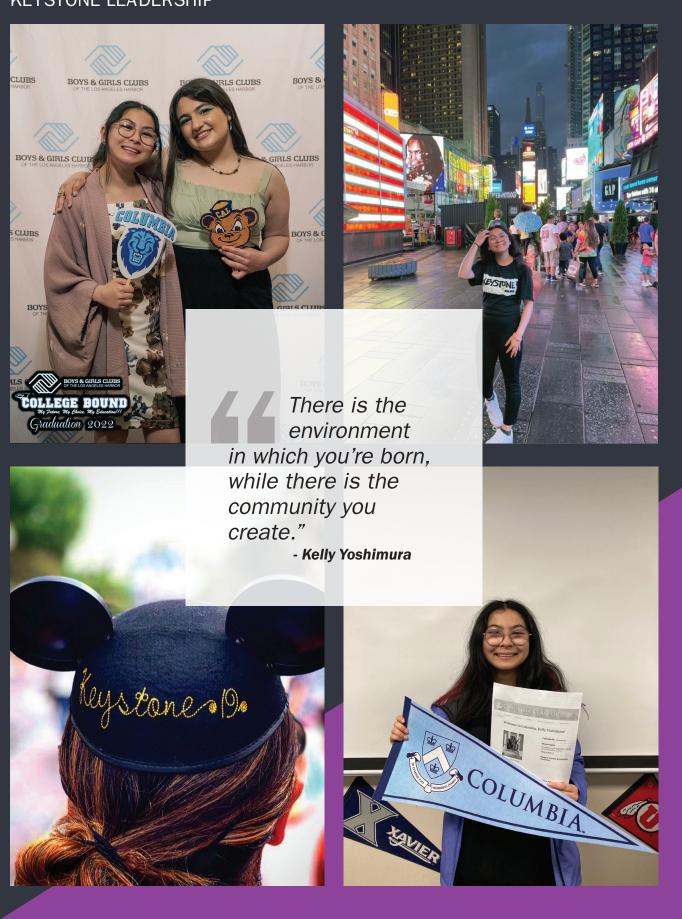
Arnold has been fantastic. He's always willing to help and was a steady force during our summer literacy program. Arnold assisted all ages from kindergarten to 8th grade and provided guidance and mentorship throughout the program. He always showed up with a bright and sunny demeanor and identified students who were having reading issues and assisted with our intervention team."

- Alexander Ryan, Program Coordinator -San Pedro BGC This past summer, BGCLAH reimplemented our Volunteer Program after two years of putting the program on pause due to the pandemic. The paused proved difficult as our organization poses a need for volunteers to assist with 1-on-1 help that our members thrive off. As the Club reverts back to in-person programming, volunteers have helped us transition into normalcy.

Our volunteers consisted of our members, community members, and local service organizations who came in weekly to provide assistance to our organization. Altogether, we had a total of 76 volunteers throughout the San Pedro, Wilmington, and Harbor Regions. These service organizations included National Charity League Peninsula Chapter and Palos Verdes Chapter helping with the Summer Literacy Program- our one-on-one education program promoting literacy, writing, and reading comprehension. We also had the National League of Young Men volunteer with our Weekend Wellness distribution- our once-a-month food distribution program for our families facing food insecurity.

We want to recognize a volunteer that has positively impacted the lives of our members and has dedicated his time and understanding to them: Dr. Arnold Henson. Dr. Henson displays a model volunteer, community member, and mentor which is all we could hope for. Throughout the summer, Dr. Henson began dedicating more time and broadening efforts to assist with more programs through the Club site.

#### **KEYSTONE LEADERSHIP**



## KELLY'S STORY

elly was born into a multi-racial, first-generation family from San Pedro,
California. For a long time, she struggled with understanding her place and contributions in a society that she never felt represented in. Ever since elementary school, Kelly remembers feeling a sense of otherness as a majority of her class were upper class, white students, which was a stark contrast to Kelly.

Growing up in an environment with less resources than her peers, she experienced an overwhelming feeling of imposter syndrome. It wasn't until she came to the Boys & Girls Club that she began to meet people who shared similar experiences and were open to talking about their collective struggles. She was able to find comfort in this new community where she could able to find her place and connect with other people.

Through our Keystone Leadership program, Kelly was able to experience an atmosphere of acceptance and opportunity which enabled her to explore her interest and grow as a student and person. The unconditional support from her Keystone advisor, Alex Ryan, fostered a degree of confidence and self-assurance that Kelly didn't know she was capable of having. Through this community that has been created at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the LA Harbor, Kelly has been able to learn more about herself and become a leader among her peers and her community. She has grown to hold leadership positions such as Keystone President, the Keystone national steering committee and even the 2021 San Pedro Youth of the Year!

Kelly has recently graduated from San Pedro High, Class of 2022 with a 4.68 GPA. She will be attending Columbia University, majoring in sociology. Kelly hopes to pursue her Ph.D. in sociology with the goal of establishing a platform for people with similar experiences as herself. Her ultimate goal is to elevate voices and create a community with a more equitable society with diverse perspectives.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

#### **KEYSTONE LEADERSHIP**

Keystone is leadership development program focused on high school members, ages 14-18. This unique program provides leadership development opportunities for youth to participate in activities, both in and out of the Club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of a staff advisor, Keystone aims to positively impact teens, their Club and local communities. Each of our main Clubhouses at the BGCLAH host their own Keystone Leadership program that focuses on improving their Club and coincide together to work on BGCLAH as a whole. Our teens are able to develop leadership skills and gain opportunities for planning, decision-making, contributing to the Club and community, and celebrating our national heritage. Our Keystone Leadership aims to positively impact members, the Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor, and our community.

## ANDREW'S STORY

In May 2022 Andrew became a first generation, Banning High School graduate. In August 2022, Andrew began his first semester at California State University, Long Beach majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He credits finding his Pathway to Success to the BGCLAH's College Bound program and case manager, Mr. Martilliano.

The College Bound program exposed Andrew to the different resources available to him and gave him the information he needed to successfully navigate the college admission process as a first generation, Latino from a low-income community. He always knew that he wanted to attend college but didn't know how to get there.

Through College Bound, Andrew was able to explore different college pathways and attended workshops on how to achieve his goals. These workshops included how to construct & target prompts, study skills, academic resumes, the college application process, and financial aid/scholarship information.

Furthermore, the mentorship Andrew received at the Club helped him explore his options. Mr. Martilliano inspired him to become an engineer by helping him see what he could be. Andrew was able to believe in himself because of the mentorship that he received through our College Bound Case Managers. Through the program, Andrew found his confidence,

"The Club is just a really welcoming environment. You're always encouraged to share and are allowed to have your voice be heard. During the pandemic, I felt very burnt out and couldn't find my purpose. But when I went to the Club, there is always something for everyone. The staff here support you and my confidence grew. I became a leader in my Club and am now helping other kids go to college too as a peer counselor."

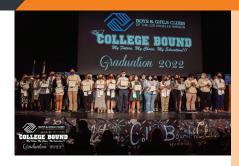
As Andrew begins his College Bound Pathway to becoming an engineer, he hopes to continue as a peer counselor at his university to support his new community.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

#### COLLEGE BOUND

Our College Bound pathway support program was founded at our San Pedro Cub in 2002, with only 30 high school students participating. Today, we operate College Bound across our three regions, with 2,105 high school participants. In a partnership with LAUSD, we recently expanded to serve youth at 21 sites across the Los Angeles Harbor and South Los Angeles.

The College Bound Class of 2022 was our largest yet! 1,141 seniors participated in our College Bound program, with 99% graduating high school on time, with 97% attending a college or university this fall. Additionally, \$17.9 Million in financial aid and scholarships were secured for our Class of 2022.



Through the pandemic, we were able to develop a virtual program which allowed us to serve additional students in College This modality of both in-person and virtual at the same time will allow us to serve even more students in College Bound in the years to come.

This same virtual ability also allowed us to have more of our participants attend a dual credit community college. These dual-credit classes are a great resource for our members, and now we can provide this Spring and Fall class to almost 200% of our original number of participants!

## **THANK YOU**

TO OUR COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP DONORS!

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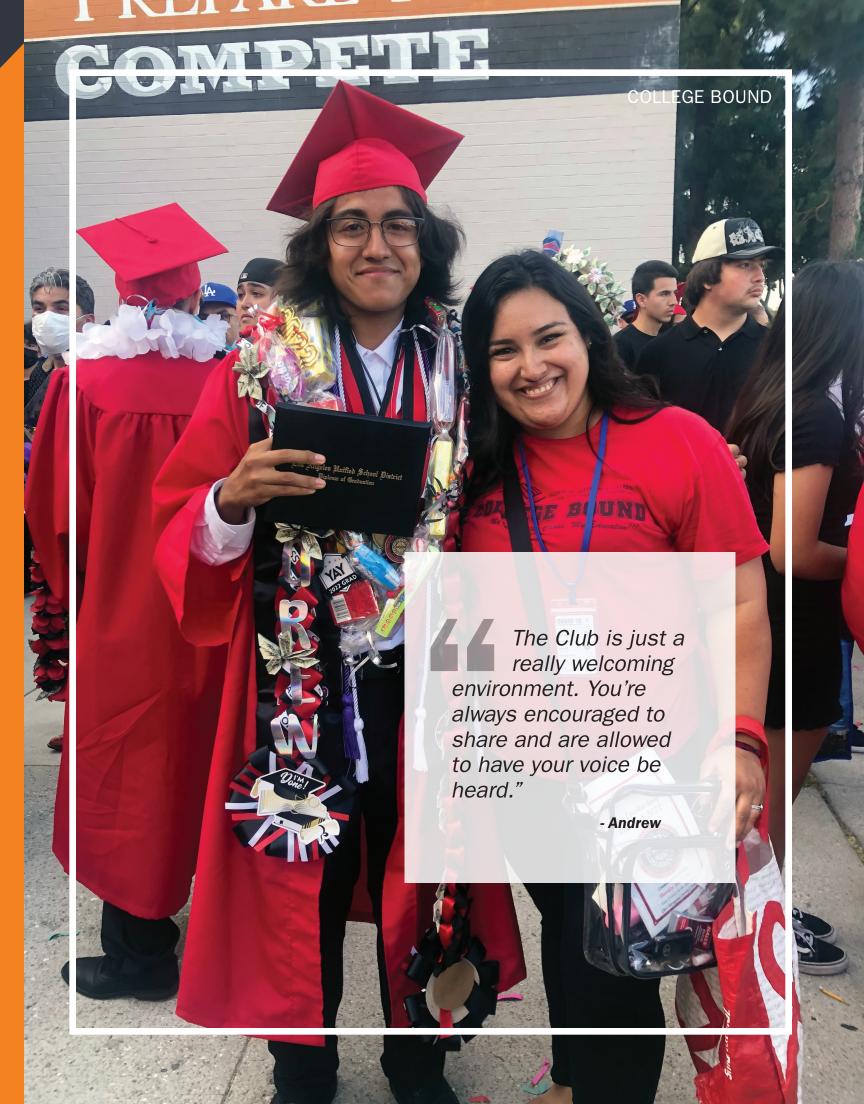
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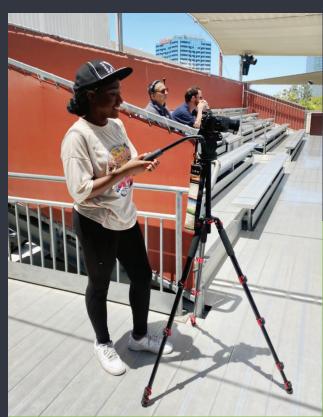
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## KACHI'S STORY

Achi began coming to the Club her freshman year of high school specifically for Career Bound. She knew that she wanted to explore more pathways in the fields of media and marketing but didn't know how to get there. With the help of our newly established Career Bound Program, she was able to obtain an internship with Sujan Creative, a woman and minority-owned full-service Media Marketing Company specializing in consistent, high-quality video, photo, graphic and social media marketing for web.

Through this internship Kachi was able to create videos, photos and graphics for social media platforms, YouTube, websites, as well as documentaries and tutorials for web and broadcast viewing. She learned how to distribute materials through social media and marketing management and even was exposed to strategy and data analytics.

Kachi's internship gave her the skills that she was looking for when she joined the Career Bound Program. She stated that "The internship with Ms. Erin, at Sujan Creative, is going great! We meet up every Saturday and sometimes during the week to film projects. My main job is editing; I'm learning how to use Adobe Premiere Pro. Recently, we went to Universal Studios to film the Harry Potter and Water Works show. I felt like a true VIP. Right now, I'm tasked with social media analysis for Jordan Peele's newest film, NOPE. All in all, I love the experience!"

Through Career Bound, Kachi was able to find her Pathway to Success in media and marketing. After graduating in May 2022, she is beginning college this fall while continuing her internship with Sujan Creative!

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

#### **CAREER BOUND**

Career Bound is our career readiness program that provides a pathway for our members to understand the process of applying and working after high school. Career Bound's purpose is to mentor and prepare youth by providing guest speakers from a variety of careers, individualized case management, and career exposure. Through this, members learn both hard and soft skills such as resume building, appropriate attire, interview practice and so much more. Those skills are then applied to a real life work experience through an internship or part time employment. Our program aims to steer members to prosper in the workforce and post high school employment.

With the pandemic winding down, the Club has made the commitment to make a major investment in providing "direct to employment" pathway opportunities for high school students who do not plan on attending college upon high school graduation. This workforce development investment includes the Club committing to "three" FULL time Career Bound Case Managers who will provide high school graduation support, soft skills workshops and activities, internships, work experience, 1-on-1 case management and eventual employment following graduation. Besides partnering directly with the "six" Trade Unions, the program is also working with local Chambers of Commerce and growing individual company and business partnerships we have previously developed. Career Bound is also working directly in seven local high schools – both traditional and continuation schools – to support students to direct and meaningful employment.

## YADIRA'S STORY

Yadira Agredano is the Fine Arts Coordinator for the San Pedro Region. She started with the Club almost eight years ago and has been an integral part of the Fine Arts program ever since. As a first-generation high school and college graduate, Yadira brings a unique perspective to her programming and is able to relate to Club kids through their similar backgrounds.

Through her programming, Yadira strives to create a space for kids to be able to receive whatever support they need. As a staff and mentor, she is able to build rapport with members before they even step foot in the studio, "I try to help our members find their potential in anything. My room is almost like art therapy. The kids are able to have a safe space to express themselves and learn about themselves. I can relate to a lot of our kids who feel like they don't have the resources they need but still want to move forward. And I love being able to share my knowledge and expose them to things they otherwise wouldn't have access to" says Yadira.

And the kids in her program are excelling. 11th grader, Micaela has been participating in our art programming since 7th grade. While there are no art classes at her school, Ms. Y's room is able to give her the creative freedom she needs. Ms. Y and the Arts Academy program showed her that there was a career path in something that she loves to do. Because of the mentorship and guidance from our art staff, Micaela is working towards a career in the arts. After high school, Micaela hopes to attend FIDM to ultimately become a graphic designer.

And at the Club, Yadira was able to find her own Pathway to Success. While working full time as the Fine Arts Coordinator, she recently graduated in May 2022 from California State University, Long Beach with her BA in Studio Art, focusing on film photography, experimental processes, and multimedia. Through her work with her kids, she realized that she wanted to teach. Yadira hopes to go back to school to get her masters degree and ultimately become an Art Professor at a university.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: **FINE ARTS**

**Our Fine Arts program is a daily** program that offers a variety of art lessons and hands-on learning across all aspects of art including fine arts, photography, animation, video editing, music, and more. Members learn creative expression through imaginative and intellectual content. Fine Arts practices painting, sculpting, drawing, and more to enhance their skills. We provide an encouraging environment so our members can expand on their own creativity. This program aims to teach youth that there is more to art than just paint to a paper- it is mastering the process by mixing mediums, executing proper brush strokes, learning different types of paint, and far more.

## JAIRDEN'S STORY

Jairden has been coming to the Harbor City Boys & Girls Club since he was in middle school. At first, he became a Club kid because he "didn't know where else to go or what to do after school." Soon, he started regularly coming to the Club because of the programs and mentorship he received.

As a 10th grader at Narbonne High School, when Jairden isn't at school you can find him at the Boys & Girls Club. He spends most of his time in the gym playing basketball. Now that basketball leagues are resuming after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, Jairden is even more committed to the Club, "One day, I want to play for the Clippers. But basketball is a team sport and I can't get there by myself. Coach is always talking about how we can't let each other down. We have to always be our best because the other guys on the team are counting on us- but not just the best at basketball either. We have to keep our grades up and stay out of trouble so we can keep playing," says Jairden.

Through basketball and our sports leagues, Jairden is able to stay focus on his goals of graduating high school and playing professionally. At the Club, he has been able to find

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a community of people who support him on his Pathway to Success. The mentorship that he receives at the Club has enabled Jairden to become a leader himself, "Ms. Ana wants me to succeed. If I'm ever feeling down,

she'll notice and talk to me. She's like a second parent to us. And we're like that for the little kids here. They watch us and copy what we do all the time. So

I always make sure I'm acting how I want them to act. I know how much the staff here impact me, and I want to be able to

help others the same way they help me".



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: ATHLETICS

**Our athletic programs** focuses daily on staying physically active, teaching proper nutrition, and maintaining the overall health of our members. We do this by creating fun activities and fitness opportunities that strive to have members want to participate and make this a daily goal whether it be through our programming or outside of the Club. We also offer affordable sports leagues for all ages throughout the year. Our athletics program aims to teach not just the fundamentals of each sport, but also the significance of good character, sportsmanship, dedication, leadership, and teamwork within these sports.

## JUNIOR'S STORY

Junior Gafa recently received the Kilgore MacFalane Western States Football Award. He is currently heading into his senior year at Brown University where he plays Division 1 football, leading the team with 61 tackles, 40 solo tackles and had a seasonhigh eight tackles with one sack in back to back games at Penn and Yale as an outside linebacker. But before he began majoring in history at an ivy league school, Junior Gafa was a proud member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Born in Samoa, Junior and his family moved to San Pedro in 2003. As one of six kids, Junior started coming to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor in elementary school as something do after school. He spent time in the gym, in Keystone Leadership and made friends at the Club. But during his sophomore year of high school, he started thinking about his postgraduation options. This is when he found mentorship in our College Bound Program.

Through College Bound, Junior learned what was needed to fulfill his high school

graduation requirements, how to tailor his applications for each college, and much more. After football practice, Junior was often found in our College Bound

center, getting one-on-one
help from his case manager
Fa Faleta or tutoring from
Mr. K. He attended College
Bound workshops, learned
about scholarships and
financial aid and took
advantage of all of the
resources available to
him. And his hard work
paid off. During his

senior year of high school, Junior received a full scholarship to Brown University.

And he still uses the skills he learned at the Club during his time at Brown. As Gafa reflected on his time here, he said "Without the Club, my life would have been dramatically different. The resources and mentorship I received made a big difference when I was in high school. Fa would always hammer us about how hard work pays off, how the road isn't always smooth but to never give up. And that's something that I still think about at every challenge." He remembers being in the College Bound room with his friends and studying for tests, "It's a space where everyone is able to work, but we aren't forced to sit down and focus on our academics. The College Bound room is a friendly and welcoming place which made studying enjoyable. That's so important for high school kids."



While in college, Junior spends his summers giving back to the Club as a Youth Development Professional. While working at our Wilmington Park site, he loves working with the elementary kids and seeing the energy they bring to the Club every day. After graduation, he hopes to get his MBA.















Throughout this last fiscal year, the Club and community were able to come together to support our kids and learn more about what happens inside our Club. Our community of corporate leaders, individual donors, and Club friends are able to take part in events that celebrate our mission and connect with the greater LA Harbor community. Annual fundraising and program events help to fulfill our mission to ensure that every kid is able to find their Pathway to Success. This year, the Club was able to raise over a half of million dollars through events to support our general operating costs, which go directly to support the programs at the BGCLAH!

#### STATE OF THE CLUBS

In September 2021, our CEO Mike Lansing delivered the 4th annual State of the Clubs address, where he updated community stakeholders on how their investment is directly impacting the youth in our Clubs. During his address, Lansing honored Yvonne Bogdanovich (Individual Partner of the Year), Coastline Equity (Local Business Partner of the Year), and finally Valero, Marathon and Phillips 66 Midstream as the Corporate Business Partners of the Year. During the State of the Clubs, we also were able to host a ribbon cutting of our new Wilmington Athletic Complex thanks to Councilman Joe Buscaino and the City of Los Angeles!

#### **BIDS FOR KIDS**

In October, our annual Bids for Kids gala went virtual again as the COVID surge continued to rise. Our annual Bids for Kids is usually our largest fundraiser of the year, however our fundraising team was able to pivot once again to host a virtual Back-A-Kid fundraiser. Throughout the virtual program, our donors were able to learn more about our Weekend Wellness, Bookstore on Wheels and College Bound programs. A huge thank you to Amazon and Colich & Sons for being our Title Sponsors!

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Every year, our dedicated high school members compete to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of the LA Harbor as our Youth of the Year. This recognition program focuses on acknowledging and making Club members aware of their own leadership abilities. The program fosters Club members' emerging leadership abilities and cultivates their leadership potential, providing the foundation they need for advanced leadership development, academic excellence, and postsecondary success. Through this program, Club youth become motivated to seek opportunities for leadership and to act as responsible citizens and change agents. BGCLAH's Youth of the Year, Nicolas Velazquez, was named the Pacific Region Youth of the Year through Boys & Girls Clubs of America in which he represents and is an advocate for those in BGCA's Pacific Region. Nicolas is our first Youth of the Year to progress this far in Youth of the Year.

#### **GOLF CLASSIC**

This year's 36th annual Golf Classic was a great time! At this sold-out event, 144 golfers spent the day at Palos Verdes Golf Club to support our kids. Throughout the tournament, our golfers enjoyed different activities at each hole, a silent auction, happy hour, helicopter ball drop, and we even had a Hole-In-One Car Winner- a first for our tournament. Most importantly, we set a fundraising record, allowing us to continue to create Pathways to Success for our members. Thank you to Ports America for being our Ace Sponsor!

#### **ILWU/PMA LUNCHEON**

The 17th Annual ILWU/PMA Luncheon was back in person this year at the Dalmatian Club! Each year, representatives from the ILWU and PMA look forward to this luncheon as both parties can come together to serve the children of our communities. Thank you to ILWU Local 13 for being our Platinum Sponsor!



The San Pedro Boys Club was my home away from home in the late 60's and early 70's. Growing up in San Pedro, the Club was the place where my parents knew I was safe and taken care of after school and in the summer. When asked by Mike Lansing to work on the Comprehensive Campaign it was easy to say YES. It was time to give back to an organization which had created many childhood memories, from Little League Midtown baseball, Biddy Basketball, Soap Car races and lifelong friendships.

As the Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor wraps up our Comprehensive Campaign I am proud to inform you that we have exceeded our \$9 million dollar goal! I would like to thank my co-chairwoman Yvonne Bogdanovich for her vision, guidance and unwavering support. Her usual quite leadership opened numerous doors and without her we would not have been successful.

I would like to thank our consultant Tisa Blackmore for her friendship and keeping us focused and motivated as we pivoted our resources during COVID to make sure our kids and families were taken care of in their time of need.

A true unsung hero, Laura Duarte, thank you for doing all the little things to make the campaign run smoothly. Your professionalism and organizational skills represent the Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor to the highest of standards.

Finally, I would like to say THANK YOU to our generous donors for answering our phone calls, emails and letters, taking a lunch or dinner invite knowing a financial commitment to the Club was coming. We are forever grateful for your generosity.

As this campaign ends, other new opportunities await. Consider funding our endowment, becoming a monthly sustainer or planning an estate gift so future generations benefit from this great organization.

Respectfully,

John N. Vidovich Co-Chair Comprehensive Campaign

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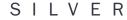
























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The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor is in its 85<sup>th</sup> year of Providing Pathways to Success for the youth throughout the Los Angeles Harbor Area and this past year was no different. As our youth transitioned back into schools and in-person learning, the Club supported our schools and kids to ensure that they had the resources they needed to succeed. The Club focused on learning recovery and expansion of our programming to better serve our youth as well as to serve even more youth across LA.

Our College Bound Class of 2022 was our largest yet. 2,105 high school members participated in our College Bound program during this past school year. 99% of the seniors graduated on time, and 97% of those seniors will be heading to college this fall. Additionally, \$17.9 Million in financial aid and scholarships were secured through the BGCLAH. These impact numbers exceeded even our lofty goals!

Looking forward, the Club will continue to expand and meet the needs of our community through new and improved facilities, 7 new Food Pantries, HUGE expansion of our Career Bound/Workforce Development program, and-the establishment of our new "Innovation Center" supporting entrepreneurial engagement of our teens looking for a different post high school pathway.

With the great success of our Weekend Wellness food distribution program over the past 2 years (over 2 Million meals distributed) AND the increasing food insecurity reality of so many families in the harbor area because of rising poverty levels and the tremendous negative

First do what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

-Saint Francis of Assisi

impact of inflation, we are establishing this year "7" Food Pantries that will provide DAILY food support for our Club and community families! An important investment of resources as food insecurity continues to limit the opportunities for far too many youth and families.

With the pandemic winding down, we have made the commitment to make a major investment in providing "direct to employment" pathway opportunities for high school students who do not plan on attending college upon high school graduation. This workforce development investment includes us committing to "3" FULL time Career Bound Case Managers (compared to 1 "half" time staff last year) who will provide high school graduation support, soft skills workshops and activities, internships, work experience, 1-on-1 case management (just like College Bound) and eventual employment following graduation. Besides partnering directly with the "6" local trade unions we are also working with local Chambers of Commerce and growing individual company and business partnerships we have previously developed. We are also working directly IN "7" local high schools - both traditional and continuation schools - to support students to direct and meaningful employment. Our goal is to grow Career Bound like we have our now 20 year College Bound program!

As the BGCLAH looks to expand our programming to serve even more youth, we will be working hard this coming fiscal year. On behalf of our staff, members, Board of Directors and entire organization, we are happy to share our 2021-2022 Annual Report. We are so grateful for the support of our donors, grantors, volunteers, parents, staff, and the communities we serve for their 85 years of tremendous investment in our youth and young adults. Your investment translates into "Pathways to Success" for those who need us most!

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