



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MIAMI-DADE**

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Francisco Pividal Named 2017 Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Youth of the Year

Miami, Fla. — March 21, 2017 — On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Francisco Pividal was named Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s 2017 Youth of the Year. A panel of six individuals — one each from a diverse mix of important Miami-area companies: Swire Properties, Enterprise Holdings, Ross Stores, Miami Marlins, NCL and Coca-Cola — plus one past Youth of the Year, served as the seven judges to select the Youth of the Year.

Pividal has been a member of the Kendall Club for the past six years. He will be representing Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade at the state level competition, April 6–8, in Orlando.

Every year since 1955, 26 youth from various Boys & Girls Clubs across Florida have competed for the opportunity to represent Florida as the Florida Youth of the Year. The winner competes in the regional competition. Five regional winners then move on, and one will be named Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year.

The National Youth of the Year serves as both an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Clubs youth and as a strong voice for all of the nation’s young people. He/she receives a brand new car courtesy of Toyota, scholarships and cash totaling \$60,000. He/she, along with the other four regional runner-ups, then travel to Washington, D.C. and speak to the members of Congress and meet the president.

To achieve the title of Youth of the Year on any level, Club members must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles. They should exemplify the critical impact that Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of young people. The scoring includes candidate essays, interview, speech, letters of recommendation and overall application quality.

“We are very pleased to name Francisco as our Youth of the Year,” said Alex Rodriguez-Roig, president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. “He is a wonderful representative of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.”

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1940. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year-round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable young people and provide

them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org.

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