



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF LAWRENCE

CLUB NEWS

Spring 2025

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS

You did it!

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence is filled with pride as we celebrate the achievements of our incredible senior graduates! These amazing young individuals have worked hard to get where they are, earning acceptance and scholarships to prestigious schools such as Brown University, Tufts University, UMass Dartmouth, Plymouth State, and Emmanuel College. They're heading to pursue fields like Engineering, Economics, Liberal Arts, Nursing, Biology, and more—and we couldn't be more excited to see where their futures take them.

From their first days with us to their last, our seniors have shown tremendous growth—whether on the basketball court, in the homework room, or through the friendships they've built along the way. Their determination, resilience, and spirit are truly worth celebrating.

The celebration continues with our Graduation Party on June 12, followed by an evening of recognition at our Awards Night on June 13. We can't wait to honor their hard work and bright futures ahead!



MEET ARGENIS LUCIANO: OUR 2025 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Argenis Luciano's story embodies resilience, determination, and the transformative power of the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence. As one of our graduating seniors, Argenis has overcome personal and academic challenges to earn acceptance to Brown University, where he has confirmed his enrollment for the upcoming fall semester. His hard work and determination have truly paid off.

From a young age, Argenis found his second home at BGCL, where he thrived academically, athletically, and personally. Through support from staff and volunteers, he turned academic struggles into successes, gaining a love for learning and discipline that set the foundation for his future. His involvement in sports, particularly track and field, helped him gain confidence, eventually leading him to represent Lawrence in national competitions.

In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Argenis has made a significant impact as a student leader, serving as the Student Body Vice President, and giving back to his community through volunteering and mentoring younger students. His perseverance and leadership reflect the values of BGCL, and we are incredibly proud to honor him as our 2025 Youth of the Year.

Argenis's journey is a shining example of how hard work, dedication, and support can propel a young person toward greatness. Congratulations, Argenis!



The Lawrence Boys and Girls Club isn't just somewhere I spent my time; it has built the foundation of who I am as a student, person, and athlete, teaching me perseverance, discipline, and the importance of giving back.

ARGENIS LUCIANO
2025 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

MESSAGE FROM MARKUS



Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, we are deeply grateful for your continued belief in our mission to inspire and empower the next generation. Thanks to your generosity, we are launching programs that are truly transforming lives.

Our **Workforce Development Initiative** is preparing teens for real-world success, connecting them with career exploration, job readiness training, and mentorship opportunities. At the same time, our **growing Music Program** is giving young people a powerful outlet for creativity, helping them build confidence, discipline, and a sense of identity.

These initiatives are only possible because of supporters and donors like you. Every investment you make fuels the potential of our youth and helps shape a stronger, more vibrant future for our community.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are creating life-changing opportunities that last a lifetime.

With gratitude,
Markus Fischer, Executive Director

EXPLORING MEDICINE AT MGH

Eighteen BGCL members between grades 7 and 12 attended the MGH Learning Lab Fieldtrip on Wednesday, April 23, during Spring break, marking their second year at Mass General Hospital. They engaged hands-on with medical professionals, including a nurse, radiologist, and a surgeon in residency. Split into two groups, the students worked with robotic patient dummies, learning to assess vitals and handle medical emergencies, such as an allergic reaction requiring an epinephrine injection. Dr. Oz appeared via a screen to answer questions, adding to the excitement. Medical personnel also shared their career journeys and educational paths, providing insights into various medical fields. Additionally, they presented on allergic reactions versus allergies and the use of epinephrine. This experience aims to spark interest in the medical profession and equip students with valuable knowledge about healthcare.



OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Our Workforce Development Initiative is dedicated to preparing teens for success in the workplace. This exciting new program connects high school members with career exploration, job readiness training, and mentorship opportunities. With a focus on real-world preparation, we aim to help our youth secure internships that align with their interests and aspirations.

BGCL is funding two-week internships for high school members, removing any barriers to participation by providing transportation and professional clothing. Additionally, our team supports students in crafting resumes, practicing mock interviews, and acquiring the skills and confidence needed to thrive in a professional environment. By offering these resources, we ensure that each participant is well-equipped to enter the workforce and succeed in their chosen field.



Got Internships? We Want to Hear From You!

Do you or your organization have internship opportunities for high school & college students? We'd love to connect with you! Help us provide valuable real-world experience to our members by offering an internship.

For more information or to share internship opportunities, contact Jodi Raineri at jraineri@lawrencebgc.com or Sarah Hogue via shogue@lawrencebgc.com. Your support makes a difference in shaping the future of our youth!

JAMMING TO NEW HEIGHTS: OUR GROWING MUSIC PROGRAM

Drum Roll, Please! New Percussion Room is Ready to Rock n' Roll!

Our music program has experienced incredible growth in recent years, and one of the most exciting developments is the completion of our brand-new percussion room! This dedicated space is now fully operational, giving our drummers the opportunity to fine-tune their skills and explore the world of rhythm in a specialized environment.

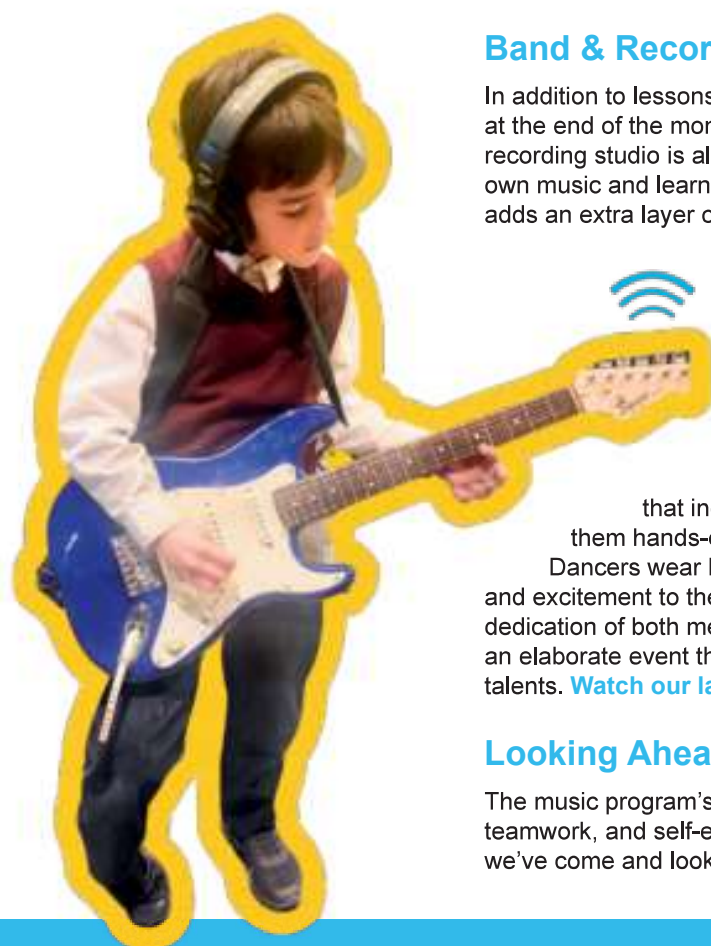
Lessons for All Levels

The music program offers both individual and small group lessons, allowing members to explore their musical interests and have fun. Lessons are available for a variety of instruments, including guitar, drums, keyboard, and ukulele. In addition to these instruments, members also have the opportunity to take vocal lessons, where they can refine their singing skills. Whether they're strumming chords on the guitar, mastering the keyboard, exploring the drums, or learning to sing, our members continue to tap into their musical potential. The program fosters an empowering and supportive environment where they can enhance their abilities and build confidence along the way.



Band & Recording Studio

In addition to lessons, members have also formed a band, and they'll be performing at the end of the month to showcase their hard work and collaboration. The recording studio is also a huge asset, giving members the opportunity to record their own music and learn how to use professional equipment. This hands-on experience adds an extra layer of creativity and technical skill to their musical journey.



Dance and Music Recital

The growth of our Dance and Music Recital has been an exciting transformation. What began as a simple gym performance has evolved into a full-fledged production. Over the years, we've added professional lighting, coordinated by a talented stage crew that includes members themselves, giving them hands-on experience in staging and production. Dancers wear beautiful costumes, adding creativity and excitement to the show. This progression highlights the dedication of both members and staff, turning the recital into an elaborate event that showcases the best of our members' talents. [Watch our latest dance recital by scanning here!](#)



Looking Ahead

The music program's growth is a testament to our commitment to fostering creativity, teamwork, and self-expression in our members. We're incredibly proud of how far we've come and look forward to the many milestones ahead!



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RAISING FUNDS, RAISING SPIRITS

On Saturday, April 5th, the Andover Country Club hosted the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence's Annual Auction, where we reached our fundraising goal in support of our vital programs.

Max Lopez, a proud BGCL alumnus, shared his inspiring story, reminding us all of the impact we have on our youth. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to making the event such a resounding success.



Swing for a Cause on June 16!

Join us on Monday, June 16, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA for an unforgettable Golf Tournament benefiting the BGCL! Enjoy a day filled with exciting golf and exclusive contests, all while supporting a great cause. After hitting the course, enjoy cocktails and dinner during the reception, participate in our silent and live auctions, and make a difference in the lives of local youth. Don't miss out—let's drive change together on and off the course!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12 BGCL GRAD PARTY	13 AWARD NIGHT
15 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	16	17	18 SUMMER HOURS BEGIN ESDAM 5:30PM	19	20
22	23	24	25	26 SUMMER FE FURFEST	27

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