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# NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

..... LEADERSHIP IN BLOOM .....



# 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

BGCD Dance Team Performance

### **Bob Scannell**

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### **Lisa Hughes**

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### **Taryn Daniel**

*Keynote Speaker  
Member, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester*

## DINNER

BGCD Dance & Music Clubhouse Performances

### **LEADERSHIP IN BLOOM AWARD**

*Fatoumata Balde, BGCD Member*

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

*Victoria Arlen, Grace Cotter Regan, Dr. Kimberley Williams*



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Anacristina Kenney

Rebecca Kenney

Dianne Lescinskas

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Katherine Marr

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Nicole Russo

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## WELCOME FROM OUR 2026 NEWLA CHAIR

### DEAR FRIENDS,

It is a true honor to return as Event Chair for the New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA). This year's theme, *Leadership in Bloom*, reflects something deeply meaningful to me. The idea that with the right support and opportunities, young women and girls can grow into confident, inspiring leaders.

As someone who grew up in Dorchester, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has always been a special place for me. As a member, I experienced firsthand the care, guidance, and encouragement that helped shape who I am today. Later, as a parent, I entrusted my own children to the Club's incredible programs, knowing they were in the hands of a devoted team who treated them like family. Now, as an aunt of children in Early Ed, I am grateful to see the next generation of my family continuing to benefit from the same remarkable community that saw me, my brother, and my sisters walk through its doors.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is more than just a building, it is a lifeline for so many. It is the dedicated staff who show up every day with heart and purpose. It is the programs that meet kids where they are and inspire them to reach their full potential. It is the commitment to every young person who enters the Club, assuring them they are seen, valued, and supported.

Being part of NEWLA once again is deeply meaningful to me, as we celebrate the extraordinary women whose leadership continues to inspire others, and shine a spotlight on the Club that remains a cornerstone for families like mine and countless others across Dorchester and beyond.

Thank you for being here and for supporting a mission that helps every young leader bloom.

With Gratitude,

Annissa Essaibi George  
2026 Event Chair

If you're interested in being a part of the 2027 New England Women's Leadership Awards Committee, please contact Senior Director of Marketing & Communications Patricia Lamb at [plamb@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:plamb@bgcdorchester.org).

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## DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

Welcome to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA)! Tonight, we gather to celebrate extraordinary women whose leadership, resilience, and generosity uplift our communities and inspire future generations. We are proud to honor Victoria Arlen, Grace Cotter Regan and Dr. Kimberley Williams—each a powerful reflection of the Club's core values: Respect, Innovation, Support and Equality.

NEWLA is more than a celebration, it's a spark. A spark that lights the path for young people to see what's possible and pursue their dreams with confidence. Many of our Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members are here tonight, witnessing firsthand how courage and commitment create lasting impact.

This year's theme, *Leadership in Bloom*, is especially important for the young women and girls of BGCD. It speaks to the idea that leadership is not something we are simply born into. It is cultivated over time through mentorship, confidence building, and access to opportunity. At the Club, girls are encouraged to find their voices, take risks, and step into leadership roles in ways that allow them to grow into their fullest potential. They are reminded every day that their ideas matter, their presence matters, and their future is full of possibility.

Your presence tonight directly supports our mission. With your help, we keep membership at just \$5 a year, ensuring every young person has access to life-changing programs and lifelong mentors. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in what's possible, and for joining us on this journey forward.

With deep appreciation,



**Bob Scannell**  
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Sally J. Greenberg  
June Rokoff  
Liz Walker  
Gloria Johnson-Powell  
Barbara Stevens

**1994**

Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith  
Joan Benoit Samuelson  
Marian Heard  
Donna Latson-Gittens  
Sheri Poe

**1995**

Dr. Margaret Hennig  
& Dr. Anne Jardim  
Cathy Minehan  
Debra Zeyen  
Kip Tiernan  
Pam Fernandes

**1996**

Frances Moseley  
Sherry Penney  
Karen Smyers  
Rina Spence  
Natalie Jacobson

**1997**

Peggy Charren  
Jackie MacMullan  
Joan Wallace Benjamin  
Barbara Whelan  
Martha Crowninshield

**1998**

Fran Rodgers  
Margot Hill  
Pat Flynn  
Jackie Jenkins-Scott  
Alfreda Harris

**1999**

Linda Mason  
Kasey Kaufman  
Rosabeth Moss Kanter  
Jane Alexander  
Diana Golden Brosnihan

**2000**

Holly Metcalf  
Lois Silverman  
Nancy Oriol  
Deborah Jackson  
Martha Coakley

**2001**

Mara Aspinall  
Margot Stern Strom  
Rev. Dr. Gloria Elaine White-Hammond  
Ellen Parker  
Kathy Delaney Smith  
Jenny Thompson

**2002**

Clementina Chery  
Linda Dorcena Forry  
Marian Heard  
Joanna Lau

**2003**

Elaine Schuster  
Catherine D'Amato  
Andrea Cabral  
Kristine Lilly

**2004**

Harriet Lewis  
Lt. Governor Kerry Healey  
Carol Fulp  
Dr. Susan Briggs  
Regina Pisa  
Maureen Peterson

**2005**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
Dr. Roseanna Means  
Comm. Kathleen O'Toole  
Janet Fine  
Mary Ann Pesce

**2006**

Barbara Lee  
Dr. Paula Johnson  
Joyce Kulhawik  
Alison Rockett Frase  
Shirley Seals  
Shirley Singleton

**2007**

Cheryl Kane  
Dr. Jennifer Leaning  
Peg Feodoroff  
Trish Karter  
Phyllis Godwin

**2008**

Grace Fey  
Judy Walden-Scarafite  
Dr. Azzie Young  
Dr. Carolyn Kaelin  
Marilyn Rodman  
Maureen Feeney

**2009**

Tiziana Dearing  
Elaine Ullian  
Tiffany R. Warren  
Corinne Ferguson  
Mary Kinsella Scannell  
Kai Leigh Harriott  
& Tonya David

**2010**

Lyndia Downie  
Ruth N. Bramson  
Magdalen Bish  
Sr. Margaret A. Leonard  
Karen Keating Ansara

**2011**

Joan Cutler  
Corinne Grousbeck  
Monica Sprague Jorge  
Erin McDonough  
Mary O'Brien  
Ruth Ellen Fitch

**2013**

Carmen Ortiz  
Diane B. Patrick  
Margaret Blood

**2014**

Barbara Lynch  
Kristen McCosh  
Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan  
Ellen Zane

**2015**

Nora Baston  
Dr. Cheri A. Blauwet  
Joanne Y. Jaxtimer  
Queenette Santos

**2016**

Krystal Prime Banfield, Ed. D.  
Swanee Hunt  
Shawna Young  
Lisa Hughes

**2017**

Joanne Chang  
Donna Gavin  
Becca Pizzi

**2018**

Denise Burgess  
Sandra Fenwick  
Melissa Reilly  
Lorrie Higgins

**2019**

Kenell Broomstein  
Yvonne Garcia  
Noelle Lambert

**2020**

Julie Frates

**2021**

Sherry Dong  
Teresa Maynard  
Samantha Mewis  
Dora Ullian

**2022**

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett  
Jen Faigel  
Silvia Lopez Chavez

**2023**

Collette Divitto  
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**2025**

Lisa Donovan  
Harmoni Turner  
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## 2026 NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

# HONOREES



## Victoria Arlen

*Founder of Victoria's Victory Foundation & Host, Speaker, Gold Medalist, Author*



## Grace Cotter Regan

*President, Boston College High School*



## Dr. Kimberley Williams

*CEO, Match Charter Public School & BGCD Alumna*

## EVENT CHAIR



### Annissa Essaibi George

*Civic Leader, Nonprofit Executive, Small Business Owner, BGCD Alumna*

Annissa Essaibi George is a lifelong Boston resident, first-generation American, and dedicated public servant whose career reflects a deep commitment to families, education, and community. A former high school teacher at East Boston High School for 13 years, she made history in 2015 as the first Boston Public Schools educator elected as a Boston City Councilor At-Large and later became the first to serve as Chair of the Council's Education Committee. Drawing from her experience as both an educator and a mother of four sons who attended Boston Public Schools, Annissa championed initiatives to ensure every school has access to a full-time nurse and social worker, improve school safety, and expand investment in vocational and public education.

Upon taking office in 2016, Annissa founded and chaired the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery, where she led efforts to support nearly 5,000 Boston students experiencing homelessness. Her leadership helped secure increased city funding and launch the innovative Family Led Stability Pilot, which provides housing solutions that keep students close to their schools—earning her the 2018 Navigator Award. She has also advanced critical mental health initiatives, including proposing a Mental Health Commission and spearheading policies such as "Pharmacy Take Back for Sharps." In 2019, she successfully passed an ordinance establishing a special commission to end family homelessness in Boston, and in 2021, she was a candidate for Mayor of Boston.

Beyond her public service, Annissa is the former CEO and President of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston and the proud owner of The Stitch House in Dorchester. Above all, she is most proud of her role as a mother of four amazing boys. Annissa, her siblings, and her children are all proud alumni of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD), an organization that continues to hold a special place in her life and work. In 2026 she will proudly Chair the New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) for a second consecutive year to support the impactful programming at BGCD.

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### Lisa Hughes

*Anchor, WBZ-TV News*

Emmy Award-winning journalist Lisa Hughes is a news anchor for WBZ-TV News weekdays at 5PM, 6PM and 11PM. Lisa joined the station in June 2000 and since then she has covered just about every major news event and newsmaker in New England. Before joining CBS, Lisa worked as a reporter and anchor at KIRO-TV in Seattle, Washington, KBCI-TV in Boise, Idaho and for KCBY-TV in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Lisa received both a 2014 Columbia DuPont Award as well as a 2013 George Foster Peabody Award as part of WBZ-TV's team coverage of the Boston Marathon Bombings. Lisa has also received Emmy Awards for Anchoring in 2014, for On-Camera Talent Reporter in 2008 and for Hard News Story in 1996. In 2016, Lisa received the Circle of Giving Award at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's New England Women's Leadership Awards.

Lisa is passionate about empowering young people in Greater Boston and serves, with pride, on the Board of Directors of Big Sister Boston. She also serves on the Board of Directors of First Literacy, the Board of Overseers for Boston Ballet and a new Development Board at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. The daughter of two English teachers, Lisa often partners with the Mayor's Office for ReadBoston events. She works with Boston Children's Hospital on fundraising events, patient profiles and stories about research and treatment. She has also participated in events for Perkins School for the Blind, Horizons for Homeless Children, Disabled American Veterans and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Every August, Lisa rides the Pan-Mass Challenge to raise money for Dana Farber Cancer Institute and enjoys sharing stories of riders and doctors through WBZ's media partnership with the PMC.

Born in Boulder, Colorado and raised in Moscow, Idaho, Lisa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Washington. She and her husband, Mike, are proudest of their daughter, Riley, and son, Dylan.



## Victoria Arlen

*Founder of Victoria's Victory Foundation & Host, Speaker, Gold Medalist, Author*

Victoria Arlen is an accomplished TV host/reporter, motivational speaker, author, gold-medalist swimmer, and CEO and co-founder of Victoria's Victory Foundation. Her TV career has spanned more than a decade and started at the age of twenty while still in a wheelchair, Victoria has achieved far more than ever imagined, especially after not being expected to live to 15 years old and facing obstacle after obstacle and achieving the impossible. Her achievements and story of survival have been recognized internationally and nationally, including by the prestigious Forbes 30 Under 30 list.

Her new book *The View is Worth It* will hit stores on May 5th. A gold medalist, TV host, and motivational speaker who inspired millions with her comeback story is now revealing the silent mental health battle no one saw. Victoria's story shatters the myth that success equals happiness, resilience means you're immune to pain and miracles mean life becomes easy. She proves a powerful truth: surviving is one thing. Learning how to live is another.

Her message is clear: even people who inspire the world can be fighting invisible battles, a life many would call a miracle, but the truth behind that miracle was far more complicated. The miracle needed a miracle. Victoria doesn't just share her story, she offers a roadmap for anyone facing their own mountain.



## Grace Cotter Regan

*President, Boston College High School*

Grace Cotter Regan is a mission-driven leader dedicated to advancing Jesuit, Catholic education. Since 2017, she has served as the first female President of Boston College High School, a Jesuit institution for boys in grades 7–12. With extensive experience in education, leadership, and philanthropy, Grace leads with a deep commitment to Ignatian values, guiding the school's strategic growth, financial sustainability, academic excellence, and pastoral mission while fostering a community rooted in diversity and belonging. Under her leadership, BC High launched the historic \$150 million Illuminating Excellence Campaign, ensuring the school's mission will thrive for generations to come.

Grace began her career as a Jesuit volunteer teaching in Belize, an experience that reflects her lifelong commitment to service and the mission of the Society of Jesus. Prior to joining BC High, she served as Head of School at St. Mary's High School in Lynn, Massachusetts, where she strengthened enrollment and led the successful Building Futures capital campaign. She has also held leadership roles in advancement and alumni engagement at Boston College, the College of the Holy Cross, and the New England Jesuit Province.

Beyond her formal roles, Grace remains deeply engaged in the broader educational and Catholic community, always striving to build bridges between people and organizations. She is a true connector in the city of Boston, known for her unique ability to weave together diverse networks to spark meaningful change. Her impact on the city was formally recognized in 2025 when she received the prestigious Pinnacle Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, a testament to her excellence in education and her unwavering commitment to the community. Further, she serves on the National Board of the Jesuit Schools Network and on the Boards of Directors for The Valedictorian Project, here in the Boston area, and America Media, a national Jesuit media outlet. Her leadership is defined by a tireless dedication to bringing people together to serve a greater purpose.

Most of all, Grace is a newly minted and immensely proud grandmother to Wyatt Thomas (four months) and Camilla Grace (one month). She and her husband, Bernie, find their greatest joy in watching their sons, Luke and Bartley, and their wives Grace and Alexa, embrace the gift of parenthood.



## Dr. Kimberley Williams

*CEO, Match Charter Public School  
& BGCD Alumna*

Dr. Kimberley Williams is a BGCD alumni, board member, and parent. She grew up at the Club participating in every available program: playing basketball, swimming, and floor hockey; time in the games room, performances in art, volunteering and leading through the Keystone Club. Kimberley accredits much of who she is to her parents' guidance and the caring staff and tremendous opportunities presented to her at BGCD.

She is the newly named CEO of Match Charter School, a 3-campus, K-12 school serving 1,200 Boston students. Previously she worked for 22 years in Boston Public Schools, where she led the district's Equity and Eliminating the Achievement Gap work, was a principal and directed the district-wide expansion of Social-Emotional Learning post-COVID. She has shaped education policy in her many roles and as a volunteer on the BPS Opportunity Gap Task Force and as the Vice Chair of the Black Educator's Alliance of Massachusetts.

Dr. Williams is committed to ensuring all students receive a high-quality education. She uses her core value of equity to widen the diversity of voice at decision-making tables for students, schools, and communities. She is a lifelong Dorchester resident and the proud mother of Sakeena (20), Curtis (16), and Frankie (15).

Dr. Williams received her Bachelor's in Human Services from Springfield College; Master's in Public Administration from Baruch C.U.N.Y, through the National Urban Fellows Program, and most recently a Ph.D. in Education, Leadership, and Policy Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Kimberley was the very first presenter at NEWLA in 1993 to Liz Walker and co-chaired the event in 2017 with her daughter Sakeena.

## TARYN DANIEL

*2026 Keynote Speaker*



**Taryn Daniel** is a 16-year-old student at Cristo Rey Boston High School with a strong passion for the sciences and a heart for helping others. At the Club, she is a dedicated member of the Keystone Club, where she has built lasting friendships and grown as a leader. Taryn is deeply grateful for the community at BGCD, and she gives back by serving as a one-on-one buddy, showcasing her passion for inclusion and her commitment to supporting every member of the Club family.

In the classroom, Taryn excels in Science and Chemistry, subjects that fuel her ambition to study Psychology in college and eventually become a children's psychiatrist. When she isn't working on her studies, she is a powerhouse on the field and the ice, playing both softball and hockey. With her sights set on playing college softball while pursuing her medical dreams, Taryn is a determined student-athlete ready to make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

Taryn says she's honored to be named this year's NEWLA Keynote Speaker, as it is heartwarming to be recognized from a place that has provided her with incredible opportunities, friends and a supportive environment to thrive.

## FATOUMATA BALDE

*2026 Leadership in Bloom Recipient*



**Fatoumata Balde** is a 17-year-old student at Boston Latin School who thrives on community and culture. A dedicated linguist, her favorite class is AP French, though her curiosity doesn't stop there, as she is currently challenging herself to learn French, Spanish, and Arabic all at once! When she isn't hitting the books, she is a familiar face at the Club, where programs like Power Forward and Teen Takeover have become her second home. She credits much of her growth to the Club staff, noting that every single mentor there holds a special place in her heart.

Outside of her busy schedule, Fatoumata stays grounded by giving back through volunteering, playing sports, and taking long, scenic walks to clear her head. Looking ahead, she is eager to merge her love for helping others with her global mindset, leaning toward a future career in Health Science or International Relations.

Fatoumata is honored to be accepting the first Leadership in Bloom Award, being recognized for all of the hard work she has put in over the years and says this honor has helped her believe more in herself.



# JOURNEY JOHNSON

Introducing  
*Dr. Kimberley Williams,*  
2026 NEWLA Honoree

**Journey Johnson** is a 17-year-old junior at Boston Latin Academy who has been a proud member of the Club for ten years. A versatile leader, she spends her time mentoring younger members, staying active in the gym, and contributing to the Keystone Club. Journey is an academically ambitious student whose favorite subject is AP African American Studies, a passion she balances with her busy athletic life in basketball, dance, cheer, and flag football management.

Having been part of the BGCD community since she was seven, Journey deeply values the lifelong connections and supportive environment she has found there.

Looking ahead, she plans to channel her curiosity for the natural world into a career by studying Marine Biology in college. Whether she is in the art room or on the court, Journey's decade of growth at the Club has prepared her for an exciting future exploring the wonders of the ocean.



# AUDREY TALLENT

Introducing  
*Victoria Arlen,*  
2026 NEWLA Honoree

**Audrey Tallent** is an 18-year-old senior at Quincy High School and has been a dedicated member of the Club for seven years. A natural leader, she works at the Marr Clubhouse pool, participates in Keystone Club, and supports inclusive athletics through the Martin Richard Challenger Sports Program. Audrey's commitment to her community was recently honored when she was named BGCD's 2026 Youth of the Year, a testament to her impact as a role model and advocate.

Inspired by her favorite subject, psychology, Audrey plans to study Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience to support children with cognitive disabilities. When she isn't busy leading, she enjoys reading, building LEGOs, and reflecting on her favorite memories from Camp Northbound.

As she prepares for her next chapter, Audrey remains a shining example of the Club's mission, blending her passion for science with a lifelong dedication to inclusion.



# KADIATOU SALL

Introducing  
*Grace Cotter Regan,*  
2026 NEWLA Honoree

**Kadiatou Sall** is a 15-year-old student at Boston Latin Academy who brings a blend of creativity and leadership to everything she does. In the classroom, she thrives in AP World History, while at the Club, she stays busy exploring her diverse interests in Cooking Club, Dance, and Keystone Club. Her well-rounded nature and dedication to her community make her a standout member of the Club family.

Outside of her studies, Kadiatou loves spending quality time with her brother, taking relaxing walks, and catching up on her favorite TV shows. She is also an artist at heart, often spending her free time painting and sewing, and she is excited to push her boundaries this year by trying out for flag football.

With a clear vision for her future, Kadiatou aspires to become a dermatologist, combining her love for science with her desire to help others feel confident in their own skin.





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## OUR PROGRAMS

Aquatics | Athletics | Fine Arts | Education  
Early Education & Care | Social Recreation  
Film & Photography | Healthy Meals | Project BIND  
Tweens | Health & Life Skills | Music | Family Engagement  
Teens | Character & Leadership | Behavioral Health | Inclusion

## OUR VALUES

Respect | Innovation | Support | Equality

## OUR CLUBHOUSES

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## OUR MISSION

To always welcome and connect young people and families to opportunities that embrace diversity, nurture growth, and inspire success.

## OUR PILLARS



**Character  
& Leadership**



**Academic  
Success**



**Fine  
Arts**



**Behavioral  
Health**



**Healthy  
Lifestyles**



**Inclusion  
Programming**

**\$5 A SCHOOL  
YEAR**

**4,000+ YOUTH  
SERVED**

**3 CLUBHOUSES**

**200+ PROGRAMS**

**1 COMMUNITY**

BGCD offers **more than 200** youth and family programs in the areas of education, art, music, career prep, character and leadership development, health and life skills, athletics, aquatics, social recreation, early education & care, summer programs, behavioral health services, and family engagement.

Since **1974**, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has served the youth of Boston's largest and most diverse neighborhood through an array of life-changing programs, offered at three strategically placed Clubhouses throughout the city. Currently, we welcome **thousands of youth** from **nearly 300 different schools**.

**FUN**

**98%** of members said, "I enjoy coming to the Club."

**CARING**

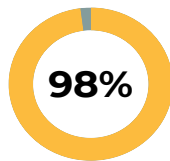
**95%** of members said, "The adults at the Club care about me."

**BELONGING**

**92%** of members said, "People at the Club accept me for who I am."

**OPPORTUNITY**

**93%** of members said, "I get to explore new things at the Club."



**of members said,  
"I feel safe  
at the Club."**





**CONGRATULATIONS  
2026 NEWLA HONOREES**

**VICTORIA ARLEN  
GRACE COTTER REGAN  
DR. KIMBERLEY WILLIAMS**

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Strengthening Our Community.**

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**Victoria Arlen, Grace Cotter Regan,  
and Dr. Kimberley Williams**

whose courage, resilience, and  
compassion inspire us all.

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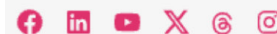
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## Young Professionals Board - Recruitment in August!

The Young Professionals Board is a dedicated group of emerging leaders committed to advancing Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester through advocacy and fundraising.

The Commitment:

- Fundraising: Raise \$1,000 annually (FY2026).
- Participation: Attend 75% of quarterly meetings, the Annual Meeting, and select social outings.
- Advocacy: Serve on a committee and recruit new supporters from your network.

The Perks:

- Growth: Enhance your resume with leadership experience and networking.
- Access: Receive BGCD swag, monthly newsletters, and free admission to the New England Women's Leadership Awards.
- Community: Join a vibrant network of peers through quarterly social events and digital recognition.

## Young Professionals Group - Join Today!

The Young Professionals Group is a dynamic network focused on raising awareness and expanding the Club's reach through social engagement and advocacy.

- Requirements: Commit to a \$10/month donation, attend group meetings, and actively recruit friends and peers to join events.
- Perks: Access to networking and social outings, a boost for your resume, BGCD swag, and monthly newsletter updates.



Join Us → [bgcdorchester.org/young-professionals](http://bgcdorchester.org/young-professionals)



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## DINNER MENU

### SALAD

Mixed Salad Greens, Roasted Butternut Squash, Roasted Beets, Almonds, Goat Cheese and Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

### ENTREE

Rosemary Sea Salted Crusted Statler Chicken, Slow Roasted Tomato and Chive Risotto, Broccolini and Pomegranate Chicken Demi

Vegetarian Option: Grilled Portobello Mushroom Steak, Creamy Mushroom Risotto, Spring Peas and Balsamic Drizzle

### DESSERT

Raspberry Layered Cake, Fresh Berry Coulis, Vanilla Macaroon and Mascarpone

WINE  
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## Let's invest in our future generation and watch their leadership bloom!

**\$10,000** can help provide leadership development programming for teen girls as they prepare for college and career

**\$5,000** can help purchase accessible and inclusive equipment for our program areas

**\$2,500** can cover the full cost of programming for a member for a whole year

**\$1,000** can help sponsor a girl's participation in enrichment for a year, including after-school support, field trips, and career prep

**\$500** can fund 1 month of access to safe, structured, and inspiring programming for a girl to learn and grow

**\$250** can help a girl participate in a season of sports, STEM, or fine arts – experiences to foster self-esteem & connection

**\$100** can provide 1 day of healthy snacks for 100 youth

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