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### **Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra Honors Top Youth of 2016.**

Sixteen year-old La Habra High School Junior Jazmine Troncoso has been named the "Thomas A. Sauer" Memorial Youth of the Year award winner for the Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra, which is the highest honor any Boys & Girls Club member can achieve. Jazmine received that honor and is going on to compete at the Orange County level which will be held on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> with the Orange County winner being announced that evening.

The award was announced and presented to Jazmine on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at a "Dr. Seuss" themed dinner ceremony which was held at the La Habra Community Center. Well over 250 parents, members, and guests were in attendance.

"The Club is proud of Jazmine, not just for earning the award, but how much she has accomplished during her 3 years as a member and all of the hard work that she puts into her Club. Jazmine attends the Boys & Girls Clubs daily and is always looking to make a positive impact on our younger members." Program Director Pat Favela stated.

For earning the La Habra Youth of the Year honor, Jazmine will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The state winner will receive \$10,000 and at the national level the award is \$50,000.

Jazmine, a Keystone Club member for 3 years, holds a 3.4 gpa and after high school plans to attend U.C. Irvine.

"It has been really fun to see Jazmine grow as a person, she has really become a great leader amongst her friends. You can tell her friends respect her opinions. Jazmine helps everyone, it has been fun for me to see her as a student gain confidence. She works hard and is really dedicated." Teen Services Director Amber Villasenor said.

Other significant award winners were as follows; Mariana Estrada (Sr. LHHS) was selected as our "Warren Kraft Character" Award Winner & Youth of the Year finalist, Karen Rivera (So. LHHS) was selected as our "Sportsmanship Award" winner, Robert Chavez (Fr. LHHS) earned the "Bill Graham Athlete of the Year" award, Jenna Favela (So. LHHS) & Mariana Estrada were also Youth of the Year finalists. Also, we are proud of our other 65 award recipients. Congratulations to all.

The Youth of the Year program celebrates youth who have overcome enormous odds and demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments. These deserving young people are recognized for service to their club and community, academic performance and contributions to their family. Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at the Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra.

For more information about Boys & Girls Club services, activities and programs or making a donation, please call the club @ (562) 694-1805, ask for Patrick Favela, Program Director.