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## Fontana teen to compete for Boys & Girls Club's top honor

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Elvira J. Rascon, 16, of Fontana will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Southern California Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation.

As the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana, she is among hundreds of local young people across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for their sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community, according to information from the organization.

"Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. We are very proud of Elvira and know she will accomplish much in her life," said Terrie Schneider, executive director of the Fontana Boys & Girls Club.

Elvira attends A.B. Miller High School and has been a club member for the past four years.

She participates in the club's Leaders In Training program, which instills life skills, club

and community service and skills to secure employment and be successful in the world.

Boys & Girls Club of Fontana has been serving youth in the Inland Empire for more than 19 years.

The club at Almeria Middle School, 7723 Almeria Ave., offers an after-school youth development program that provides a safe, fun environment, a caring professional staff, and a wide variety of activities and learning opportunities for children ages 7 to 17.

Information: (909) 822-4988.

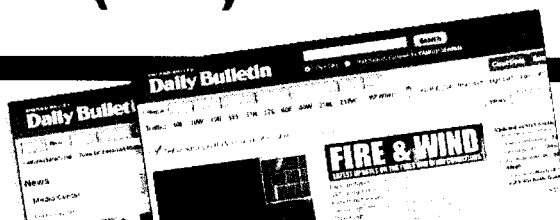
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