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Joliesse Carmona-Perez (far right) is the new 2020 Portland Youth of the Year for metro area Boys & Girls Clubs. She is joined by all five of the other deserving youth who were candidates for the honor, Arianna Perez-Garcia, TreNisha Shearer, La'Markus Causey, Gia Sevier and Alexa Ramirez-Hernandez.

Inspiring role model serves her community

Blazers Boys & Girls Club member and Wilson High School freshman Joliesse Carmona-Perez has been named the 2020 Portland Metro Youth of the Year, recognized for being a role model who serves her community.

An outspoken and inspiring young woman, Carmona-Perez aspires to become a lawyer and politician in order to advocate for others. She has been the recipient of multiple Boys and Girls Club awards, including for outstanding leader-

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ship and excellence in community service and as student of the month.

Her innovative ideas have made a difference in her academic community: She founded a school newsletter, becoming chief editor, and distributed an advice column to peers. She combated bullying by creating a student leadership team that recognizes academic successes and providing mentorship to younger students. She also serves on the Youth Against Violence Committee for the Multnomah County Youth Commission.

Five other outstanding Boys & Girls club

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