



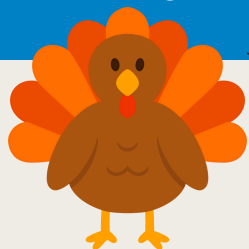
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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

November was such a heartwarming month at the Clubs, full of laughter, celebration, and shared accomplishments. We cherished moments honoring 35 Years of Girls in the Club, gathered together for cozy Fall Feasts, and felt proud cheering on our two members who graduated the D.R.E.A.M. program. From the excitement of dodgeball and karate classes, to the joy of the Reading Annual Holiday Parade and our Second Annual Olivet Brunch, every event reminded us of the incredible community we share and the bright futures of our youth.

Highlights include:

- 35 Years of Girls in the Club sessions
- Fall Feast
- 6-week Karate Class powered by East Coast Karate of the Yocum Institute
- Olivet Dodgeball League
- Two members graduating from D.R.E.A.M
- Reading Annual Holiday Parade
- Second Annual Olivet Brunch

Join us for an event next month!



Holiday Cheer is Here!



Karate KICK off

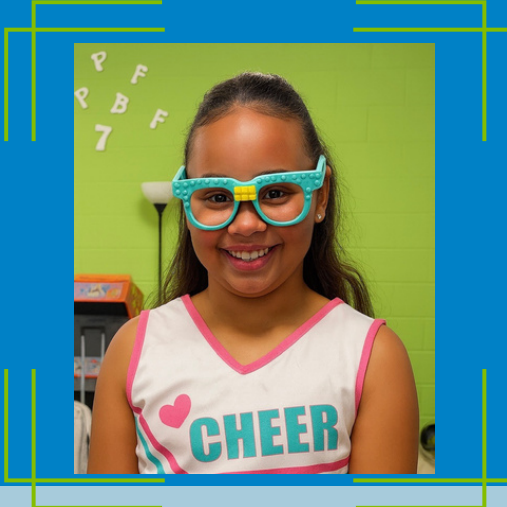
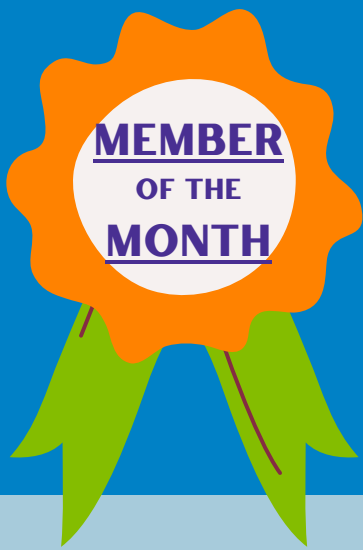


35 Years of Girls in the Clubs: Senator Schwank



As I count my blessings this Thanksgiving, the gratitude I have for you, our beautiful Olivet Family, feels impossible to quantify. My heart, mind, and spirit are filled with thanks for everything you do to ensure our youth – our community’s future – can embrace and achieve their unlimited potentials. We know the world can be rough. We’ve seen our neighbors struggle to put food on their tables; even worse, we’ve seen our neighbors without tables to put food on. But as long as our members are inside our Clubs, they are fed, they are warm, and they are welcomed. We couldn’t make that impact without you. Thank you for sharing your time, your resources, and your love with our Club Kids. And if you ever find yourself in need of anything, too, know that you can always find it here at the Club: *our* home.

– Rick Perez, CEO



APRIL VENTURA

Pendora Park Club
Member
Time with Olivet: 1.5 years

Q&A WITH APRIL

Q: How do you like to spend a typical day at the Club?

A: I like to help people around the club like Junior Staff. Spending time with my friends is fun, and I also like Torch Club, Jr. Chef, and Brick Squad!

Q: What is your favorite Olivet Memory?

A: I LOVEEEEEEE Summer Camp!

Q: What is something you learned at the Club?

A: I learned to always be helpful, kind, and a leader.

Q: Tell us about your hobbies! Do you get to do any of them at Olivet?

A: I love to help people, so as soon as I get to the club, I ask Mr. Ramses or Miss Pamela how I can help. I also love LEGOs and every Friday I get to learn teamwork and building with my friends in Brick Squad.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I want to be a teacher, nurse, or work at Olivet.

Q: What would you tell another kid who's thinking about becoming a Club member?

A: I would tell them to join because there is always something fun to do and I feel safe.

APRIL'S FAVORITE THINGS

Food, Drink, Dessert: Pizza, Sprite, Ice cream

Sport/Activity: Dodgeball & Cheerleading

TV Show: Anime

Musician: Bad Bunny

School Subject: Math

"April always comes into the Club with a positive attitude and a smile. She encourages her peers to participate and to be leaders, not followers. She is always is very helpful, willing to be a team player, and to try new programs. She extends herself in any capacity she can at the Club. April has a great future ahead of herself. I know that whatever she decides to do in life, community service will always be at the forefront." - Ramses Sanchez, Pendora Site Director.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

CHRISTIAN SINGLETON

Site Director, Oakbrook

"When I was younger, I went to the Oakbrook club as a club member and had positive mentors; when I got older, I wanted to give back and provide that same mentorship to the youth. I started out as a volunteer, then moved on to the AmeriCorps program before I was hired as a YDP, promoted to assistant director, and lastly promoted to Site Director three years ago. What drew me most to Olivet was the desire to be that consistent positive role model that kids may be missing. Especially in today's world with there being so many negative influences out there, I think that having a positive, consistent mentor to the youth is critical. The most rewarding part of my job is just to be able to put a smile on the kids' faces every day and ensure that they are having fun, and - most importantly - that they are safe at all times. My goal is to continue to get better every day to make sure I can be the best director that I can be for myself, my staff, my club kids, and my community." - Mr. Christian