







BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METRO QUEENS







My name is Sephora Boisrond, and I am sixteen years old. I'm a sophomore, and I attend Hillcrest High School. I have been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens for two years now. I worked here during the summer because of the SYEP program. In search of afterschool activities, I could partake in outside of school, I joined my older brother who was already a member. What first caught my attention about the club was how much help they provide to high school students. I stayed because of the connections that I made with the staff. When I was absent, standoffish, or just going through one of my moods, staff members never failed to show me that they noticed and cared through their actions. Although I was brand new, this made me feel welcomed and part of the community. This place will always have a special place in my heart.

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Jasmine J.

My name is Jasmine Jean, I'm sixteen years old and a junior at John Bowne High School. I have been attending the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens since I was in early elementary because my mother enjoyed what opportunities, programs, and activities they provided to my older sister.

By consistently immersing myself into the club's environment and the people around me supporting my growth, the club became a safe haven for me. A quote that resonates with me is "it's time to start being the person you want to be, not the person everyone else wants you to

be."







My name is Messiah Nelson, and I am an 11th-grade studentathlete attending Richmond Hill High School. I've been attending the Boys & Girls Club since my sophomore year. My goal is to go to college to play basketball and get a college degree. Through the athletics program at the Boys and Girls Club, it has helped me get closer to achieving that goal. I want to be an example for others who come from where I come from and deal with tough circumstances. Since I started attending the teen program, I have been more of a caring, understanding, and respectful young man. With the support I received here, I know I can do anything if I put my mind to it!

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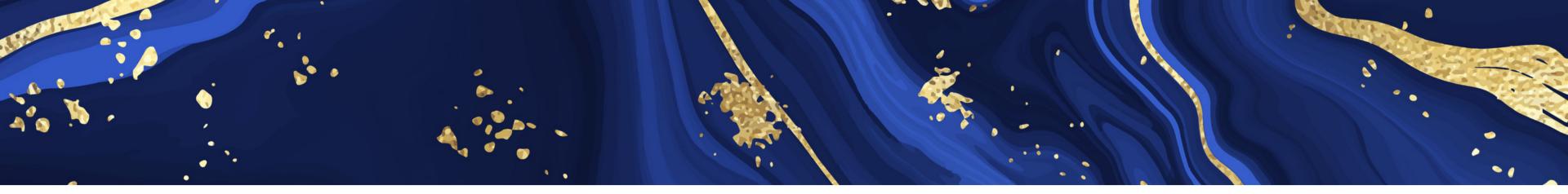
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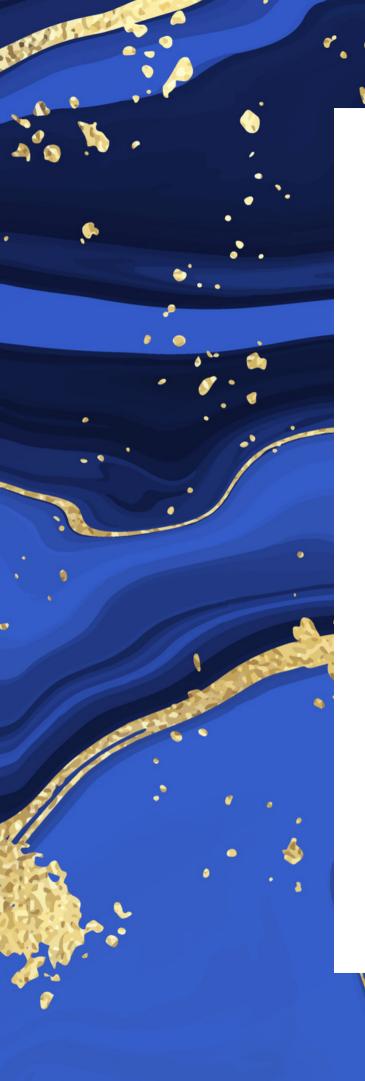
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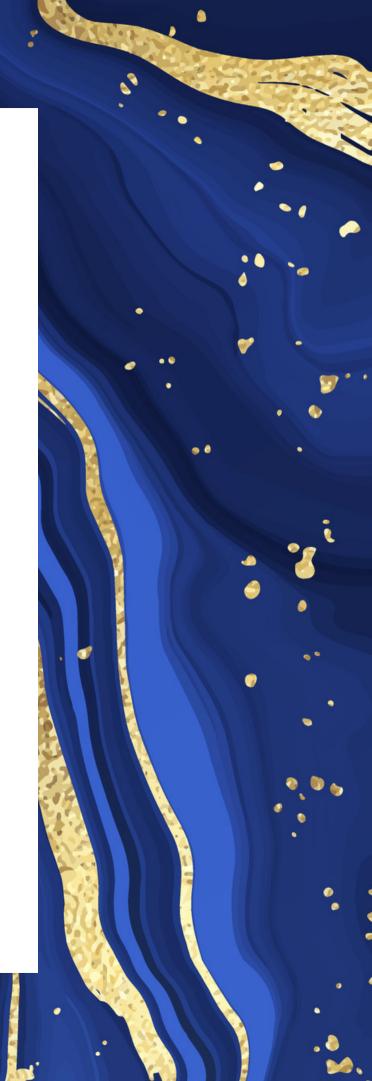
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