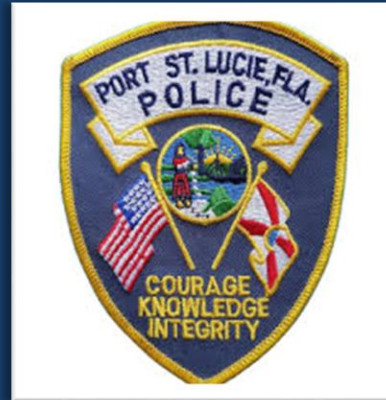




# Let's Go! 3.0

Presented by Will Armstead, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

# Thank you, City of Port St. Lucie!





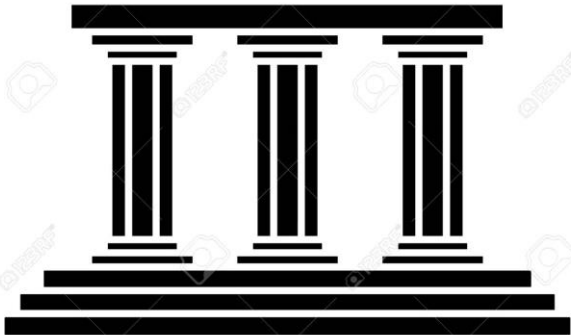
Together, we do more for more kids!



# Together, we build great futures!



## Three Pillars of Success



**Pillar One:**

**World Class Clubs**

**Pillar Two:**

**Life-Enriching Programs**

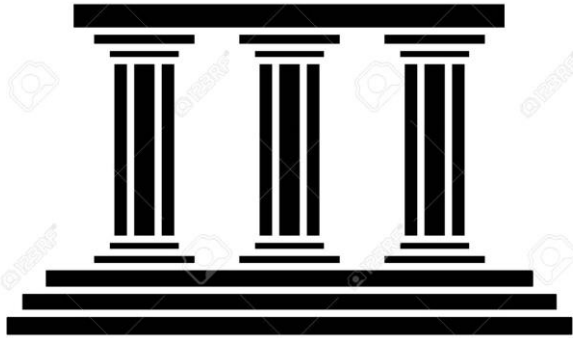
**Pillar Three:**

**Workforce Readiness**

# Pillar One: World Class Clubs



## Three Pillars of Success



New Teen Club  
in Port St. Lucie  
West

Safe and secure  
Clubhouses

Expanded  
space to serve  
more children  
and teens

Outfitted with  
state-of-the-art  
equipment

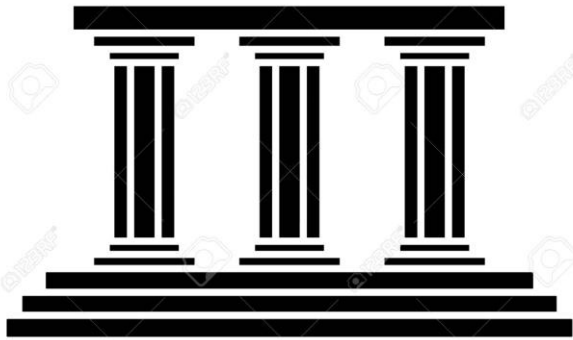
Covered  
outdoor areas

Designated  
spaces for  
Tweens and  
Teens

# Pillar Two: Life-Enriching Programs



## Three Pillars of Success



City of Port St.  
Lucie Mobile  
Club

Emotional  
Wellness

SMART Girls  
Pathway to  
Manhood

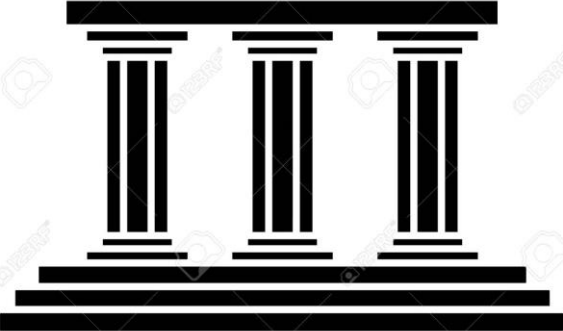
Education  
Enhancement

Unique  
Experiences

Youth of the  
Year

# Pillar Three: Workforce Readiness

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# Preparing our future workforce



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## ST. LUCIE COUNTY

### Boys & Girls Clubs teens get to work

Courtesy of Mitch Kloorfain  
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers  
USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

What do you want to be when you grow up? It is a question we remember answering when growing up, and we ask it of the youth we encounter today.

Through its after-school programs and summer camps, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County (BGCSLC) helps many of the young people in St. Lucie County answer that question, whether they are little kids dreaming of being an astronaut, a dancer, or a basketball player, or teenagers dreaming of being a music producer, engineer, or attorney.

And now, BGCSLC is ready for teenagers, and their more refined dreams. The Clubs have created into the Future, a year-round workforce readiness and career exploration program that helps teens look at all the possibilities the future might hold for them and helps them make realistic choices that meet their needs.

"We don't want them to have anxiety when someone asks them what they want to be when they grow up. We want

them confident knowing that together we can make a plan to reach that goal," said Linda Soto, Vice President of Specialized Services for BGCSLC.

One example of that goal is Elyse Bailey. Before being selected as Youth of the Year for St. Lucie County, she had mentioned that she wanted to be an attorney. This summer Elyse, a high-school senior next semester, started a paid internship at the Hoskins, Turco, Lloyd & Lloyd law firm in Fort Pierce.

The internship did not fall into Elyse's lap.

"These connections happen from our club level staff who pay attention and listen to our members and then follow it to our administration team who then reach out to our partners and donors to make the magic happen and find a good fit for everybody," said Will Armstead, CEO of BGCSLC.

Across the county, Club teens are working in several paid positions at Firestone Complete Auto Care, Indian River Select and in the BGCSLC finance and grant writing departments.

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#### On the cover

Teens from the 'Into the Future' workforce readiness program were dressed for success just prior to serving tables at the Legislative Luncheon hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County at their new Westside Club Complex. Contributed from BGCSLC.



Linda Soto, vice president of specialized programs and Bre-Yon Reynolds, a Club teen in the Learn & Earn program. CONTRIBUTED FROM BGCSLC

# Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

## Fast Facts:

Opened in 1994

Two Port St. Lucie Clubhouses

15 school-based Clubs

4,700 Club members

167 Youth Development Staff

2020 & 2021 Best Places to Work

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*MISSION: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.*