



Agency Name: Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton

Program Name: Teen Center

Program Success Story:

This story is about our 2010 Youth of The Year winner, Shaniqua Johnson. Ms. Johnson, a senior at Binghamton High School and a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Binghamton for the past 11 years, is an amazing young woman who grew up at our club. When she leaves our club in August this year to go to college, she will be choosing among the best. She has been accepted at Cornell, Syracuse, Penn State, Ithaca, and Miami. According to her mother she is the only one of the three children in the family to do so well in school – an average of over 100. Both Shaniqua and her mother give credit to our club for her success.

Shaniqua was raised by a single mother. Her father has been in and out of prison her whole life and has never been a positive influence for her. She has lived in low income housing for the past 11 years and has not been influenced by her peers or by people who live so close to her to use drugs or alcohol.

She is an outstanding member of our club participating in Torch Club, Keystone Club and Smart Girls. She has given countless hours of volunteer service to our club and community. She is truly amazing and we are very proud of where she is today.