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Program Director

Kate Sydik holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, a MA in Textile Design from, and a BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Previously she has worked with Family Service as a Site Supervisor, Nebraska Game and Parks with the Trout in the Classroom program, was STEM Academy Leader with the CLC program at Dawes Middle School and has taught educational psychology courses to undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Partnerships

Boys & Girls Club is partnering with Darin Hanigan, Bryan Solko, and Katherine Arndt at BVH Architecture for a weekly club through Zoom to teach Park students perspective drawing, building blueprint design, and other aspects of architecture We appreciate their partnership for this great educational opportunity for our students!

BGC is also partnering with Dr. Kris Baack's ALEC 102 class to lead several clubs through Zoom for the second quarter:

- Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship Club based on BGCA Money Matters materials.
- Career Exploration & Job Skills Club based on BGCA career-launch materials.
- STEM Club will focus on teaching Science Technology, Engineering & Mathematics





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Top: A BGC member shows off his architectural blueprint design.



Activities

The Lux Center for the Arts has contributed to the Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster (BGC) by supplying our members with art supplies and lesson plans. This contribution has helped BGC members tap into their artistic ability. The Lux Center contribution has been a big hit for our members. See below to view some of their creations. We would like to thank the Lux Center for the Arts for their support in providing art supplies and lesson plans for our members. This has been a big hit with our members, and it has been exciting to see the students' artistic ability and creativity!It has been exciting to see the students' grow through their creativity.



Left: one of our BGC members painted a sunset for his bedroom.

Right: one of our BGC members made a ceramic hotcocoa mug and clay turtle.





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Employee of the Month



Isaac Miller joined us at Park Middle School Boys & Girls Club this fall. He is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln studying Secondary English Language Arts Education. Isaac loves theater and is excited to lead a theater club for students at Park. He is also a fan of watching movies and is a big Husker Football fan. Since he has started Isaac has jumped right in as a great team member. He has shown initiative and responsibility has positive enthusiasm in making a difference in the lives of the students of the Boys & Girls Club. We are glad to welcome Isaac to our team!



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Announcements



Left: When one of our Boys & Girls Club members needed a new bike. The Lincoln Bike Kitchen stepped in to provide the student a free bike, lock, and helmet. Thank you, Lincoln Bike Kitchen!

Right: Meet Lynk - our newest Boys & Girls Club member. Lynk, born on July 7th, is the son of two of our **Park Youth Development Professional staff, Avery** Allison and TyAnn Herman. Although Avery and TyAnn are moving back to their hometown of Pierre, South Dakoka. They both have expressed that they hope to be involved with the BGCA in the future and would like to see a club started in Pierre.



Important Dates

- Park Middle School will hold a CLC Community Café on October 20th at 6:00 pm through Zoom. We invite all parents and community members to join us! Look for more information on the event soon.
- Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster will close early at 5:00 pm on October 25th, 2020 for the school PLC (Professional Learning Communities) Day.
- Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster will be closed on November 2nd for a LPS Planning Day and on November 3rd for Election Day



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Hiring Youth Development Professionals (YDP)

The Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/ Lancaster County is looking to add several new Youth Development Professionals (YDP) to our staff. YDPs are responsible for implementing BGC programs and nurturing the potential of our members. BGC is looking for individuals who model honesty, respect and responsibility and will work daily to develop personal and meaningful relationships with members, volunteers, program participants and others.





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