

Daniels II, Parmenter 2020 recipients of Ted Gruzzkowski Jr. Youth Star Award

Anthony Daniels II and Logan Parmenter are the 2020 recipients of the prestigious NCAUSBCA Ted Gruzzkowski Jr. Youth Star Award, which is named in honor of the late association Hall of Fame member who was a strong supporter of area youth bowling. The announcement of this year's winners took place January 18 at Crofton Bowling Centre before the start of the NCAUSBCA Youth 51st Annual Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament.

The award winners, honored for bowling achievement and/or service to youth bowling, were each presented with a plaque and \$200 in scholarship funds, which will be administered through the USBC SMART program. In addition, their names will appear on a plaque of honorees.

ANTHONY DANIELS II

Anthony Daniels II, 18, a senior at Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, Va., is a straight "A" student with a 3.8 GPA and is actively involved

in several extracurricular activities at school. He is president of both the History Honor Society and the Climate and Gardening Club. He is a member of the Key Club and the English, Science, Math, and German Honor Societies.

Anthony started bowling at age 8 and has a strong passion for the game. He bowls in the Saturday Youth League at Bowl America Woodbridge with a current book average of 229. He consistently main-

tains a high average, winning the High Average Award the past two years at Bowl America Woodbridge with an average of 231. Anthony has also bowled in the Youth Travel League the past five seasons. He has a high set of 803 and multiple 300 games.

Anthony has qualified for the last six USBC Junior Gold Championships, with a few notable finishes. He finished 46th in the U17 Division in 2019, 18th in the U15 Division in 2017, and 13th in the U12 Division in 2014. In addition to Junior Gold, he frequently participates in local tournaments.

Anthony finished second in the U15 Division during the 2017 Virginia State Pepsi Tournament and won the U12 Division in 2014. He has competed in several NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational Tournaments, winning the "A" Division in 2019, placing seventh in 2017, and second in 2016. He has bowled in the Danny Wiseman Youth Scholarship Tournament since 2015, finishing third in 2019.

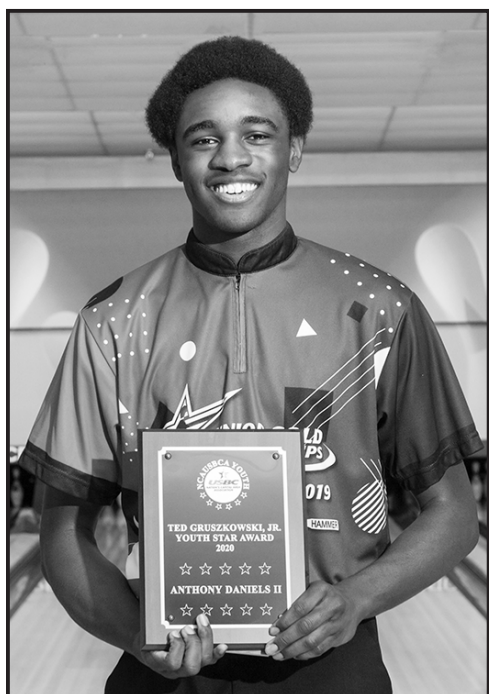
Off the lanes, Anthony is committed to helping others by volunteering for a variety of activities. He has prepared meals for the homeless at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, served as a counselor at the Mount Vernon Youth Basketball Camp, and assisted 4th-6th graders with homework at Riverside Elementary School in Alexandria.

Though he has achieved a modicum of success in bowling, Anthony Daniels II has remained humble. He supports other bowlers regardless of the circumstance and strives to do his best until the very end. His bowling accomplishments, tenacious attitude, and unwavering dedication to bowling exemplifies the principles of the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruzzkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.

LOGAN PARMENTER

Logan Parmenter, 18, is a recent graduate from Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va., who currently is pursuing an engineering degree at Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University.

Bowling has been Logan's life since he was three years old when he first picked up a bowling ball



at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He joined his first league in the Pee Wee division at Bowl America Chantilly at the age of 5. He continues to bowl in the Youth Travel League and



the Saturday Morning Youth League at Bowl America Bull Run. Logan has bowled in many tournaments over the years, earning his first scholarship money at age 5.

Some of the many tournaments he has participated in include Junior Gold, Danny Wiseman, Pepsi, Teen Mas-

ters, and several state and local events. His current Standard Average is 203 and his Sport Average is 175.

Outside of bowling leagues and tournaments, Logan loves to help others during bowling events in which he is not participating. On several occasions, he has volunteered to assist with the Women's State Tournament, most recently at Bowl America Manassas. He is always eager to help, whether running or changing scores or updating names, along with selling candy bars to help his local youth team earn extra scholarship money. When asked if he can do something, his first answer is, "Sure, I can do that!"

Recently, Logan took on the task of helping Director Adam Mitchell with the task of performing lane certifications at bowling centers in Northern Virginia. No job was too big or too small.

His heart is with the Special Olympics, where he helps and encourages other youths to come help. He has assisted the Special Olympics Bowling League on Saturday afternoons for three years. Logan has made many friends within this league and is always excited to see them. He is an amazing young man with a big heart who loves to help people.

Logan currently is employed as a lifeguard through Fairfax County, which allows him to help people every day. He recently became an Ellis Certified lifeguard instructor by earning a prestigious certificate that allows him to ensure Fairfax County lifeguards are properly trained and equipped to handle any situation. He also is a lead lifeguard for his home center, Cub Run Rec Center in Chantilly.

Logan's positive attitude makes him stand out at any bowling event. Even if he is having an off day and not getting the scores he wants, he always remains upbeat, encouraging anyone bowling with him, whether that person is a teammate or the competition. He always has fun bowling and shows great sportsmanship.

It is the great sportsmanship, positive attitude, willingness to help others, and treating everyone he meets with respect that makes Logan Parmenter a most worthy recipient of the NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award.

Past NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award recipients

2008 — Eric Helmrich, Adam Mitchell,
Allen Windsor

2009 — Alonso "A.J." Kinney Jr.

2010 — Malcolm James

2011 — Jason Eman, Brandon Lowe,
Kayla Meadows

2012 — Zahir Holmes

2013 — Conner Kolessides

2014 — Gene Blair, Nicholas Dean,
Michael Simpson

2015 — Samuel Anderson, Tabitha DeBat,
Amara Speights

2016 — Cayla Davidson, Brandon Driver,
David Zweiban

2017 — Jarrett DeFalco, Deborah Epps,
Thomas Rush

2018 — Andre Andrews, Joey Hansen

2019 — Garrett Meadows