

Good Afternoon, my name is Kyler Breton a junior at North Salem High School. I have been a Boys & Girls Club of Salem Marion and Polk Counties member since I was in 7th grade.

Since 7th grade you can find me at the club enjoying my summer vacation where I come in everyday to relax, socialize with other members and help staff. I really enjoy playing the piano and love entertaining members with my music. I come to the club every day because I have fun when I learn. The club makes me feel safe and welcomed every time I come.

I have really enjoyed my summers at the club. Like two summers ago because of this Club I was able to visit 4 colleges and learn more about opportunities beyond high school. And last summer we did a visit at the Oregon Institute of Technology, not only did I visit, but me and other members got to stay the night and we got to experience the college dorm life. Later this month I'm about to make my 6th college visit thanks to the Boys & Girls Club. Not only does the Club provide college visit opportunities, some programs they have will also give members volunteer and work experience.

I actually got my first job ever here at the club last summer by participating in our summer work experience program through the Oregon Youth Conversation Corps as a crew member. My role when working for OYCC was to remove invasive species, focus on beautifying our local parks and crop plantation to name a few. The experience was unique and fun.

And where will you find me this summer, that's right, at the Club doing my second work experience as an intern for the Boys & Girls Club working with our 1st – 5th graders. But none of this would be possible without funds to continue summer programming.