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### CCPS Student Named Georgia Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club

**JONESBORO** – Clayton County Public Schools is proud to announce that Elias Dennis, a 17-year-old junior at Elite Scholars Academy, has been named the 2022-2023 Georgia Youth of the Year. He now moves on to the Southeast Regional competition. Earlier this school year, Elias was named the Metro Region's Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta (access the link):

<https://www.facebook.com/ccpsnews/posts/pfbid0Y8aWRz92NpeFKXnu1vPRS7X2kxhFiMU5pGkMb96BH6368UdSRbsgoQyqNfryMFLCI>

The Youth of the Year Award is the organization's highest honor.

Elias Dennis, who has been attending Boys and Girls Clubs since he was six years old, currently attends the Flint River Community Center Boys & Girls Club in Clayton County. He is a dual enrollment student at Clayton State University and has career aspirations of becoming a veterinarian and owning several clinics. He was selected as one of the first 15 Banfield Next Veterinarian Interns and upon completing the program, he was hired as a Veterinarian Assistant. He also runs a lawn care business. As a Club member, Elias spent time visiting and eventually working as a summer counselor at the organization's camp facility, Camp Kiwanis.

Youth of the Year is part of the organization's focus on character and leadership development. It serves as a competition that recognizes teen Club members who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement, leadership skills, and service to the community.



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**About Clayton County Public Schools:** Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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