ARLINGTON, February 21, 2014 - The Arlington Boys & Girls Club names Abigale Nolen as the Club’s Youth of the Year

Abigale Nolen is a senior at Granite Falls High School and has been a member at the Arlington Club for nine years. She is active in many school activities, her church, and is employed part time at the Club. After high school, Abby plans to attend college to get her degree in nursing, specializing in neonatology.

In a letter of recommendation, one of Abby’s teachers said “I admire Abigale’s thirst for knowledge, creativity, and curiosity … her passion for life and learning is contagious.” Another noted “I have come to respect her for her preparedness, integrity, consistency, and intelligence.”

Abigale is actively involved in her school, taking both honors and Advanced Placement classes. She has served as a LINK Crew member – a group that assists freshman in the transition from middle to high school, participated in Tennis Team, Spanish Club and on the Drill Team, and since her sophomore year has been a member of Future Business Leaders of America, including participating in competitions.

Abby was accepted into the Arlington Boys & Girls Club Junior Staff program when she was 13 and was recently hired as part-time staff. Arlington Club Unit Director Bill Kinney said “Beyond her service to the Club, Abby is a phenomenal role model to other Club members as well as her brother. From volunteering at the Club, to school and extracurricular activities, she embodies everything we look for in our members. Abby is a wonderful example to other young women at the Club as she shows how motivated young women can excel in the world.”

In her Youth of the Year speech, Abigale said: “I can honestly say I don’t know where I would be today without the support and care the Club has shown me. The Boys & Girls Club is a major part of my past and will always be a part of my future.”