

# Davidson, Driver, and Zweiban honored with 2016 Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award

*Cayla Davidson, Brandon Driver, and David Zweiban are the latest recipients of the prestigious NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski 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 the 2016 winners took place prior to the start of opening round of the NCAUSBCA 47th Annual Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament at Bowl America Gaithersburg on January 30.*

*The award winners, honored for their bowling achievement and/or service to youth bowling, each were 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 the plaque that contains the names of the 16 previous award recipients.*

## CAYLA DAVIDSON Manassas, Virginia

Cayla Davidson started bowling in 2007 at Bowl America Manassas. During her time bowling, she has placed in several tournaments, including the NCAUSBCA Youth Championship and 600 Club tournaments. She won a gold medal in the Virginia Games Tournament and tossed her first 700 series in the Pepsi State Tournament last year.



She has qualified for National Junior Gold competition in Detroit, Buffalo, and Chicago and qualified for this year's event in Indianapolis. Cayla

also bowls in any tournament that she can. She bowls in the NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament, 600 Club tournaments, Vern Burke tournaments, Invitational tournament, Virginia Games tournaments, and any local tournaments that the centers may have.

Cayla participates in numerous community service activities that involve bowling, and when needed, she often works with the younger bowlers. She helps with the Have-a-Ball program at Bowl America Manassas and also at school fairs in the bowling booth. She volunteers with the Special Olympics Area 23 bowling program, and when working with these groups, she stresses that bowling is a fun game and not to get upset with yourself if you are bowling badly.

A few coaches run a program called "Road to Gold" to help youth bowlers with their mental and physical aspects to the game. She has been in the group for four years with about 30 other youths.

While engaged with all of these activities, she maintains a 3.7 GPA as a junior at Osbourn High School in the biotech program.

On and off of the lanes, Cayla Davidson sets a standard for all youth bowlers to emulate.

## BRANDON DRIVER Woodbridge, Virginia

Brandon Driver, a graduate of Gar-Field High School, is currently a full-time student at Northern Virginia Community College, studying forensic science with a goal of working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. He



also works part-time jobs at Bowl America Woodbridge and at McDonald's on the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va.

Brandon, who comes from a family of bowlers, was a "bowling alley brat" while his grandparents and mother bowled in a Friday night league. He began his bowling career at the age of 11 at Bowl America

Woodbridge. His younger sister has joined the family

tradition, and Brandon is using his experience to help coach and guide her.

He assists with all the youth activities for several leagues at Bowl America Woodbridge. The younger bowlers look upon Brandon as a role model, and he takes that opportunity to motivate and assist in their growth as bowlers.

In recent years, Brandon has accomplished many goals, including taking first place for his division in all-events, singles, and doubles at the NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament.

Brandon qualified for the North Pointe Junior Gold Tournament in 2013 and 2014 in the U20 Boys Division. He also placed fourth at the Virginia State Pepsi Tournament in 2014.

For the past several years, he has qualified for the Youth of the Month through Bowl America.

Whenever possible, Brandon bowls in any tournament available, including NCAUSBCA Youth Championship, 600 Club, Vern Burke, Nelson Perry, Invitational, and any local center tournaments. He just recently placed third in the doubles at Bowl America Bull Run. He also qualified for the Tournament of Champions during the 600 Club Doubles.

He has bowled several years in the Youth Travel League, which meets once a month. This league uses the tougher Sport Bowling patterns that will afford him a better opportunity in tournaments.

Brandon has bowled in many youth/adult leagues

and even a high school league in which his team has taken first place.

He also is a part of Steppin' Up to Chicago and Filipino Strength Bowling Concepts.

Brandon's highest youth league average of 214 is commendable for someone of his age. His highest game is a 299 and highest set is 731, as he continues to perfect his game.

## DAVID ZWEIBAN Manassas, Virginia

David Zweiban started bowling in 2007 at Bowl America Bull Run and then at Bowl America Manassas this season. He is liked amongst his peers and always is willing to assist his fellow bowlers. David is a senior at Stonewall Jackson Senior High School and currently holds a 3.0 GPA.



During his time bowling, David has placed in several tournaments, including the NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament and the 600 Club Tournament. He won silver and gold medals in the Virginia Games Tournament and gold in the

Commonwealth Games. He has bowled two 800 series and one 300 game.

David has competed in the National Junior Gold Tournament, having participated when it was held in Detroit, Buffalo, and Chicago. He already has qualified for the 2016 event in Indianapolis and continues to bowl in any tournament that he possibly can.

David currently does a lot to help youth bowlers. He works with a home school class that meets monthly at Bowl America Manassas and teaches the kids how to bowl. In addition, he helps in the bowling booth at school fairs.

David has been involved in recent years with the Road to Gold program, which is run by a few coaches to help youth bowlers with their mental and physical aspects to the game. He has been a great mentor to the younger bowlers in this program.

### 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