

Malcolm James selected as 2010 recipient of Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award

Malcolm Isaiah James recently was honored as the recipient of this year's NCAUSBCA Ted Gruszkowski Jr. Youth Star Award. He is one of the young stars of today and likely will be a strong leader of our community in the future.

Malcolm, 17, a Woodbridge resident, is an ambassador wherever he goes, not only for bowling but for young people in general. He has many strong attributes, with the giving of his spare time to others being one of his strongest.

Malcolm's bowling accomplishments are outstanding. Besides coaching, he continues to excel in personal accomplishments as well.

Malcolm has bowled in the youth leagues at AMF Dale City for over eight years, during which time he has been among the high average bowlers in each of the leagues in which he has competed. His passion for the sport leads him to constantly participate in tournaments throughout the area. He has placed in

several youth tournaments over the years, winning some along the way. In addition, Malcolm is a member of the NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club.

He participated in the Serve Bowl-a-thon in both 2006 and 2007 to help raise money for the homeless. He was a Sports Ambassador for Bowling with the People to People Program, representing the United States in the Vienna World Games in 2007 in Austria.

Malcolm earned his Bronze Coaches Certification from USBC, certifying him as a Youth Coach. He has served as a volunteer coach in youth leagues at AMF Dale City for over three years. He also promotes bowling in his daily school activities, demonstrated by participating in the local High School Bowling league, representing his school, Gar-Field High School.

Malcolm's extracurricular activities are not confined to bowling. He has been a member of the Congressional Young Leaders since 2006 and has participated in several of the Congressional Young Leaders Conferences (CYLC). He also was a part of the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

In January, Malcolm participated in the CYLC Lead America's Presidential Inaugural Conference, and this summer, he will attend the Congressional Student Leadership Conference for Intelligence and National Security.

Youth Director Jim Christie and Head Coach Peter Haskins at AMF Dale City are among those extremely impressed and proud of his willingness to help others at any time, not to mention his jovial outlook on life.

Malcolm James's numerous accomplishments at his young age have indeed made him a worthy recipient of this most prestigious award, which is named in honor of the late NCAUSBCA Hall of Famer Ted Gruszkowski Jr., who strongly supported youth bowling in this area.

Previous award winners include Alonso "A.J." Kinney Jr. (2009) and Eric Helmrich, Adam Mitchell, and Allen Windsor (2008).

