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Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year advances to next round in competition

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PARADISE — Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley 2011 Youth of the Year has advanced to the next round in the national Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Competition.

Kiya Yates, 18, of Paradise will represent Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley in the national competition. Beginning at the local club level and continuing through the state, regional and national levels, the Youth of the Year recognition is the highest honor a member can achieve.

Yates will compete March 22 with other Northern California Boys & Girls Club Youths of the Year with hopes of advancing to the state competition.

Yates competed against representatives from clubs in Chico and Oroville. Participants were required to give a speech to the Community Leadership Board, explaining their life story and how the the club has helped impact their lives.

Joshua "Hoppie" Campos, Paradise Teen Center unit director, described Yates as an upbeat and charismatic person, someone who has a definite leadership role at the club.

Each regional winner receives a total of \$22,000 in college scholarships from founding sponsor Reader's Digest Foundation and Tupperware Brands Corp.

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