

2009 Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley Youth of the Year

Antonio Varela from the Moline Boys and Girls Club was selected as the Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley.

On Wednesday April 1st, Antonio competed against 27 other Youths of the Year from across the state of Illinois in Springfield. This was Antonio's 2nd year competing for the state title and also the 2nd time that Antonio finished in the top 8.

Ascentra's Community Development Coordinator Greg Aguilar coached Antonio with his speech, prepared him for the interview process, and accompanied him to the state competition.

Although Antonio did not win, he is excited to continue working at the Boys and Girls Club in Moline and hopes to win the competition next year.

