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**SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, KEURIG DR PEPPER ANNOUNCE  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS YEARBOOK WINNER IN ATLANTA**

ATLANTA, Nov. 6, 2018 – Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Keurig Dr Pepper and Club alum Shaquille O'Neal announced the winner of the Alumni & Friends Yearbook contest during an event yesterday in downtown Atlanta. Sarah Hernandez, an alumna and now CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Vernon in Vernon, Texas, won the contest – earning \$10,000 for a Boys & Girls Club of her choice and the chance to meet O'Neal.

Yesterday's special event at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Atlanta's Fuqua Unit featured nearly 100 Club members and alumni.

"I signed the Boys & Girls Club yearbook because my Club experience meant so much to me and I wanted to show my support. I had no idea that I would get to meet one of our most famous alums, Shaquille O'Neal," said Hernandez. "The Club is where I had so many memorable moments and learned to be a productive, responsible, and caring citizen for my community – I even turned my experience in to my career. This is just another moment I will never forget."

After a personal meeting between O'Neal and Hernandez, O'Neal was greeted by a massive eight-foot, 100-pound yearbook filled with other alumni and his own personal page. O'Neal spoke with graduating teens about the importance of giving back to help others.

"For me, the Boys & Girls Club was always a safe, supportive place for me to not only play basketball but gain life-skills while growing up in Newark," said Shaquille O'Neal. "At the Club, I learned to become a team player and a leader. Because the Club had such a major impact on my life, I feel like I should return what was given to me."

Launched in May 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs Alumni & Friends Yearbook provides a platform for alumni to reconnect with other alums, share stories about their Boys & Girls Club experiences, and make new connections with alumni across the country. Although the contest is over, participants can still sign the yearbook at [bgca.org/yearbook](http://bgca.org/yearbook). For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs Alumni & Friends, go to [www.bgca.org/alumni](http://www.bgca.org/alumni).

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

For more than 150 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America ([BGCA.org](http://BGCA.org)) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, 4,400 Clubs serve 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs during critical non-school hours.

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