

Awesome Alum!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County Alumni Series, this month featuring Jase Zarzoza

Jase is not only one of our favorite current staff members, he was a Club kid starting in first grade. During Jase's Club journey he's gone from member to staff with some great accomplishments in between. In 2017, Jase's Junior year at Billings West High School, he was awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County Youth of the Year award. According to the write up, when applying for that award, he was described as Productive, Responsible and Caring.

It was fun catching up with Jase and we are really glad he is here!

Here's how the interview went down:

When did you start attending the Club as a member?

I started attending the Bair Family Clubhouse in August of 2006.

When did you start working at the Club?

March of 2016

What positions have you held?

In 2016, I was a Junior Staff member, then in December of 2017, I became a Program Coordinator and most recently, in October of 2020, a Program Manager.

What were/are some of your favorite moments/memories?

Anything in the gym. I was a hyper kid, so any time we were in the gym, being active, playing games, whatever, that was my favorite.

Now, being able to help kids, knowing I was in the same boat they are in, I enjoy helping them. Being there and listening - I tend to visit with members that have a lot of energy, like I did; I want to help them not get into trouble with it.

What are you up to now? Besides work, I attend MSUB.

What are you studying? Elementary Education. I chose this major because of the mentors I had as a kid to help me get through. Knowing they were there for me, I can be there for someone else.

If you could give a Club kid of today some advice, what would that be? I would tell them to enjoy their time at the Club. It's a great opportunity to make friends, an opportunity to do things they might not otherwise get to do.



Thanks Jase for sharing your story with us!

If you are a Club alumni or know of anyone that is,
we would love to chat!

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