

# Awesome Alum!

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

## Callen Kleinhenz



### **When did you attend the Club? Where?**

Callie grew up on the Southside of Billings, where attended the Bair Family Clubhouse from 1999-2000!

### **What were some of your favorite moments/memories?**

Callen's favorite memories about Club include the many summer water activities, like building a giant slip and slide and going to the waterparks. She also recalls learning to play pool and basketball with everyone.

Her most valuable memory from Club was having somewhere to go during the summer. Making friends with other Club members helped with the isolation she felt in her childhood home and says she is still good friends with other members she attended with.

### **What have you accomplished since your time at Club? (School, Job, Family, etc.)**

Growing up, Callen had dreams of being a fashion designer. After graduating from Senior High, she moved out west and earned a Fashion degree all while minoring in Business and Art History. Her dedication and hard work led to working at Pendleton in Portland, Oregon.

This past April, motivated by her dream of owning a home and building connections with a community she loves, Callen made the decision to return to Montana. She joined the Billings Chamber of Commerce as the Member Engagement Manger. Callen said it was the perfect opportunity and a great way of reintroducing herself to the Billings Community.

Recently, she earned her Montana Real Estate License and now hopes to help Billings residents find their new home.



## If you could give a Club kid of today some advice, what would that be?

Callen has one main important piece of advice to current Club members: Learn the basics of finance. Callen has been on a never ending journey to learn about finances, how to invest, and how to have her money work for her. She began researching and has found lots of information, both good

and bad. She learned to weed out the bad advice and reflected on her experience from her youth. She's worked hard to budget, limit frivolous spending, and change her mindset and now, her dream of owning her own home is starting to look like reality.

Her other advice to Club members: Find the sparkle in what you do and recognize that you can be good at anything.

## Anything else you would like to add about being a Club kid?

Callen acknowledges Club as a god send in her life. She made life long friends, it brightened up her childhood, and brought happiness during a challenge time of her life. She mentions that she has had many fortunate and "lucky" situations throughout her life, and whenever luck came her way, she was "ready for it."

**"When you level up and grow, its going to be uncomfortable, but just know that you belong and its not a bad thing"**

Looking back at her younger self, Callen believes that she has become everything she wanted to be.



If you are a Club Alum, we would love to chat!  
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