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Eatonville Spotlight

Meet Alexander McMillion, Boys and Girls Club of Eatonville's Student of the Year. We had the honor of meeting Alex at the B&GC's annual breakfast fundraiser.

Alongside his clubmates, Alexander founded 'Zora's House,' a poetry program inspired by Eatonville's own Zora Neale Hurston. The purpose of 'Zora's House' is to foster a love for poetry and creative writing among fellow students and children at the Boys and Girls Club. Discover why Alexander and his clubmates started this program and what it means to them by reading his speech here:

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Money Saving Tip of the Week

Stretch your grocery budget with some simple tricks!

- Don't skip breakfast! Breakfast can be one of the most affordable meals and it helps keep you full longer. Try hearty fillers like oatmeal or pancakes along with your proteins. Did you know you can make pancakes in your air fryer? Try it out!
- Plan your meals for the week and make a grocery list. This will keep you on track and help you avoid excess spending. Try to make meals using the same ingredients. This will cut down on how many things you need to buy and when buying in bulk you save money.
- Take cash to pay for your groceries.
 Using a debit card is convenient but can also make it easier for you to overspend. If your checkout total is more than you have money for, this

- will help you to reassess your purchases.
- Use affordable and filling ingredients in your recipes. Beans, rice, and potatoes are a great way to beef up your meals while staying on budget.

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Good Morning everyone!

My name is Alex, I'm 17 years old and am proud to share that I'm the Youth of the Year for my Club, the Joe R. Lee Club, this year, my senior year.

I've been coming to my Club for a long time, since I was 7 years old, I even helped Emcee for this breakfast in 2016 when I was 10. It's amazing to think about how much I've learned and have grown since then.

Allow me to give you all a look into one of our favorite programs at our Club. The program, Zora's House, is a poetry program for the Joe R. Lee club at the Boys and Girls Club of Eatonville. We named this program in reference to the local legend from here in Eatonville, Zora Neale Hurston, who was a prominent member of the Harlem Renaissance and is renowned across the country for her work as an author, journalist, poet, and filmmaker portraying racial inequities in the South in the early 1900s. Many of the stories she wrote were set here in our hometown, the Town that Freedom Built, The Town of Eatonville. Like Zora, our Town is a special place. You may not know, but Eatonville was the first self-

governing, all-African American city in America when it was established in 1887. The first municipality in the country that was established by freed African-Americans.

The incredible actions of my ancestor, Joseph Clark, of his friends who shared his vision, and of Lewis Lawrence and Josiah Eaton, provided Zora Neale Hurston with a home to grow up in more free of racial oppression than others growing up in the south at that time. This stability and security allowed her to write her stories and speak to the struggles of people like me who lived in Florida and across the south, over 100 years ago. Her efforts, and those of many like her, over time and through generations, led to real change and the creation of the country we have today, and the community we all live in together. A community that came together in 2011, when I was just a young child, to build my Boys & Girls Club that has given so much to me, and has helped me grow into the man I am today.