

Samantha L. Schnur
Youth Star of Tomorrow
Meritorious Service



Samantha L. Schnur, or “Sam” as she likes to be called, was born on March 7, 1993 in Rosedale, Maryland. When Samantha was about one year old, her parents, Michelle and Scott, moved their small family to Bel Air, Maryland in Harford County, where they have lived for the last eighteen years, along with Sam’s little brother, Scott Jr. who is fourteen.

Sam attended Ring Factory Elementary, Bel Air Middle School and graduated, with honors, from Patterson Mill High School in 2011. It was at that time when she received the Jerry Farro Youth Scholarship from the Cecil-Harford USBC Youth Association, which is awarded for outstanding performance in the sport of ten pin bowling, scholastic achievement and civic endeavors. With this and other scholarship money that she has been awarded, Sam has completed her first year of college, with straight A’s, on the President’s List, at Harford Community College. She plans to continue there to receive her degree in nursing and then transfer to Towson University for her four year nursing degree. She would like to concentrate her career in hospice care.

Samantha’s introduction into ten pin bowling began in 1999 when she was six years old. That is when her father started coaching her. She has been bowling in leagues and tournaments year round since that time, and is still being coached by her dad.

When Samantha was ten years old, she started helping her mom at the Harford County Women’s bowling tournaments. Her mom would be behind the Ways & Means table and Samantha would always be there right next to her. She would also help sell raffle tickets, direct bowlers to their lanes and any other duty that was asked of her. Later that year, because of her continued help and support of the

Women’s Bowling Association, she was presented with a green vest (the ladies wore green jackets) and named “Future Director”. At that early stage,

the Women's Board members could foresee her future in the bowling community.

Samantha continued helping the Women's Association and still bowled every week, as bowling was and is her passion.

She was honored in 2004, when she was eleven, by being chosen to throw out the first ball to start the tournament, along with Eleanor DeHart, representing the youngest member and oldest member of the Women's Bowling Association, during their 39th Annual tournament. This was an honor she will always cherish and remember.

Also, during that year was the start of the Pro Am and PBA East Region Forest Hill Lanes Open, which Samantha gladly helped at, and has continued to help every year they have come to Forest Hill.

Sam would accompany her mom to every Cecil-Harford USBC Youth Board meeting, even though she wasn't quite old enough to be a board member. She would volunteer at every tournament by greeting bowlers, checking in bowlers, keeping and checking scores, helping with Ways & Means and anything else.

Finally in 2009, she was old enough to become a member of the Cecil-Harford USBC Youth Board of Directors and she was thrilled. She became co-chairman of the Ways & Means committee, along with her mom, and helped in any way she could at every tournament. She still helps in every way possible. She especially loves to help the younger bowlers in their first tournament. She loves their excitement, but tries to keep them calm and always assures them to just do their best, that meeting new friends and bowling at different lanes is a big part of tournaments, which is part of the fun.

Since Patterson Mill was a new school, Samantha asked the principal if she could start the High School League Bowling Club in 2008. She was the secretary, vice-president and then president in the High School League, which included all public schools in Harford County that had bowling clubs. When she graduated, there was no one to take over the coaching responsibility at Patterson Mill, so Samantha volunteered to take it on so it would continue and other students could have the opportunity to bowl in the high school league.

In 2009, Samantha took the USBC coaches class to learn how to teach others as well as to help her better understand the sport of bowling. Recently she took the test and is certified as a USBC Level 1 coach. Now that she is old enough, she hopes to help coach the children who bowl in leagues at Forest Hill Lanes, as well as being a mentor and role model for them.

Throughout her life, bowling has played a major role, but aside from that, she is also very active in her church. She has been a religious education teacher's assistant, a peer minister and confirmation aide. She often volunteers for church activities whenever needed.

Samantha has been a Bel Air Youth Center Board member, a varsity track sprinter, a yearbook editor, a morning announcer at her high school television station, a freshmen mentor and peer helper, a Thespian Society and drama club member and the list goes on.

She has won titles from first place on, high game and series, high average and most improved. As well as regular league bowling, PBA Experience, Generation Gap, and the travel league, she has bowled in all Cecil-Harford tournaments, state tournaments, top ten average, six hundred series and Pepsi tournaments. Her average has continually gone up through the years, now being between 198 and the low 200's (and up to 223 for at least a week or two). Even though she bowls a wonderful game, with a great average, she does it just because she loves it.

In everything Samantha has done, she has been an exemplary example of what you would want a person to develop into.

"I am personally aware of her service to both the Cecil-Harford USBC Youth Association and the Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association. Samantha is an extremely polite, respectful, and disciplined young woman and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to recommend her for the award." – Carol Phillabaum, President of the Harford County USBC WBA

"Samantha is definitely a Star of Tomorrow and excellent examples of someone who will help keep the sport of bowling going with her enthusiasm to help and to bowl!" – Donna Vernon, Association Manager for the Cecil Harford USBC Youth

“When the Patterson Mill teacher/coach could not attend the sessions last year, Samantha stepped up and volunteered to become the coach for Patterson Mill. Samantha attended every session. She spoke with the kids on the teams, guided them, encouraged them and never asked for anything in return. She has been a great ambassador for Forest Hill Lanes and for bowling in general and I am certain will continue to do so through the years.” – Rose Murphy, Youth Coordinator for Forest Hill Lanes