

## **Joseph A. Ciufu**

### **Youth Star of Tomorrow**

### **Superior Performance**



Joseph A. Ciufu (Joey) was born on October 14, 1996 in Towson, Maryland. He has lived his entire life in Bel Air, Maryland. He graduated from Bel Air High School in 2015 with a 3.3 grade point average. While in high school, Joey participated and was successful in several areas. He played trumpet in the concert and marching bands and was chosen to play in Harford County's All-County Band. He participated in several Solo and Ensemble Festivals where he received superior ratings. He also participated in his high school guitar ensemble. He lettered in Varsity Cross Country and Varsity Baseball. He earned both Sportsmanship and the "Minds in Motion" awards. He bowled for Bel Air High School's bowling team in the High School League at Forest Hill Lanes, where his team won first place his senior year. He is a dedicated member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church. He currently attends Harford Community College. Joey plans to attend HCC this year, then transfer to a four year college where he would like to include competitive bowling as a part of his collegiate experience.

Joey started bowling at the age of five when he joined the youth bowling program at Harford Lanes in Aberdeen, Maryland. His first coach was Bobby Marshall, owner of Harford Lanes and member of the CHUSBC Hall of Fame. Being an avid bowler himself, Bobby had a passion for the game and encouraged his youth bowlers to practice outside of league play. To encourage this, he offered free games for monthly perfect attendance and for getting A's on report cards. He provided seasonal bowling tournaments for his youth league bowlers throughout the year. Joey caught Bobby's enthusiasm for bowling and took it to heart, practicing his bowling approach at home and bowling as often as his parents would take him to "The Lanes." Bobby rewarded his youth bowlers by recognizing their accomplishments. During his time in the Harford Lanes Youth Program, Joey was recognized for having perfect attendance for 13 years straight, for making Harford Lanes 10K club every year since 2005 and making its "Youth All-Star Team" every year since 2007.

Joey has twice represented Maryland in the AMF/Quibica International Family Tournament where his best finish was 7<sup>th</sup> place. He has participated in five USBC (National) Youth Tournaments where his best finish was 15<sup>th</sup> place in All Events. This past summer he participated in the Junior Gold Tournament. He has three State titles to his credit and at least 11 Cecil Harford Youth Association titles. He has won numerous Harford Lanes "Bowler of the Month" titles and won Harford Lanes "Bowler of the Year" title twice. Joey has participated with several other organizations that offer youth scholarship tournaments. Just a few of those are the Pennsylvania Junior Bowlers Tour, the Junior Bowlers Tour, and the MABE tournaments. Most recently, he and Ben Rynes won the PJBT scratch doubles title at Trindle Bowl in Mechanicsburg, PA. He also won the All Events Scratch title in the 2016 Cecil Harford Youth Championships.

Recently, Joey has received coaching from Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman. Danny has won 12 Professional Bowlers Association tournaments, including one major, the 2004 USBC Masters Tournament. Thank you Danny!

Bowling has been good to Joey and it has given him the opportunity to travel in much of the U.S.A. Besides traveling in the Mid-Atlantic area for bowling, some locations to which he has traveled include Grapevine, TX; Louisville, KY; Buffalo, NY; Flint, MI; and Indianapolis, IN.

Joey is very grateful for the support and tireless dedication of Bobby Marshall and Harford Lanes.