

# Ben Rynes

## Youth Stars of Tomorrow

### Superior performance



Ben Rynes is the nineteen-year-old son of Kim and Fred and brother of Nick. He grew up in Forest Hill, MD and was a graduate of the Class of 2016 from Bel Air High School with a 3.25 GPA. In high school, Ben was very involved in the music program, performing in multiple different ensembles both in and outside of school. He was a member of the Harford County All County Orchestra in 2015, All County Band in 2014 thru 2016, and a member of the All County Jazz Band in 2014 thru 2016. Ben was also a founding member of the Harford Youth Jazz Ensemble. All four years in high school he competed in the Harford County High School League and in his senior year he was a part of the first place team in the league's final year. Ben is currently attending Harford Community College and plans to transfer to Towson University to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

Since the age of seven, Ben has bowled in youth leagues starting in the Saturday morning Bantams at Forest Hill Lanes. Over the next ten years, Ben worked his way up in the age groups at Forest Hill while also competing in many local Pepsi, association, and state tournaments. While also bowling league at Forest Hill, he joined the youth league at Brunswick Zone Perry Hall Lanes and the Shot Makers Youth sport league at AMF Country Club Lanes.

Tournament bowling is what Ben enjoys the most, specifically tournaments on "the real stuff", not recreational bowling on 11:1 house patterns. In 2010, he bowled in his first Pennsylvania Junior Bowlers Tournament. It was an adult junior with his grandfather at Leisure Lanes in Lancaster, PA. It wasn't until 2013 that Ben started to bowl a majority of the tournaments on the schedule. Over the next four years, the week in and week out practice, travel, and competition against Junior Gold Champions, Teen Masters Champions, Junior Team USA members, and some of the best amateurs around had taught Ben lessons in perseverance, self-belief, humbleness, and many others as well as test his mental and physical strength.

In the PJBT, Ben has two scratch singles titles, a scratch doubles title with previous Youth Star of Tomorrow recipient Joey Ciufu, and in his last adult junior as a youth, he won with Danny Wiseman. Both Ben and Danny shot 300 in the process of going +401 for 4 games of qualifying. Ben attributes most of his success in the sport to the experience he gained bowling in Matthew Himmelreich's and Travis Sparks' PJBTs.

Ben competed in Junior Gold in Chicago in 2015, Indianapolis in 2016, and Cleveland in 2017. He also competed in Teen Masters in Fort Lauderdale in 2014 and in Las Vegas in 2015

Since 2015, Ben has been coached by PBA Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman. In 2015 he also started working for the Leyen Family at Shot Makers Bowling Pro Shop of Baltimore. Working alongside Chris Leyen, Phil Miceli, and Kevin Mumpower and also getting to meet industry greats such as Mo Pinel, Bill Hall, and Michael Lastowski has had a big impact on Ben. He now looks to work in the bowling industry full time and continue to better his abilities both on the lanes and in the pro shop to help grow the sport of bowling.

A special thank you to Ben's family for their continued support in all his bowling endeavors.

