

Governor's Council on Disability

2021 Youth Leadership Award Winners

Winners exemplify standards of excellence in enhancing life for individuals living with disabilities

The annual Youth Leadership Award recognizes outstanding Missouri youths (age 16-26) with a disability that have demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) selected the following winner and one honorable mention of the **9th Annual Youth Leadership Award** in 2021.

2021 Winners

Winner: Seyoon Choi



Seyoon Choi is a junior at St. Louis University (SLU) majoring in Social Work. He serves as the co-chair of the National Association of Blind Students' (NABS) communications committee and is the producer of the NABS podcast. He also works as a research assistant in the Chrome Lab on SLU's campus. In his spare time, Choi creates educational tutorials for the public on his YouTube channel, Blind Insider.

Honorable Mention: TyReeke Garnett



TyReeke Garnett attends high school and holds two part-time jobs. He has been a LifeBridge Partnership participant since 2012 and a Program Support Assistant since 2020. Starting out as a camp counselor in training, he quickly advanced to being a paid camp counselor. Garnett demonstrates a desire for learning and leadership and a passion for providing direct supports for his peers by encouraging independence, leading activities, and being a role model.

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