

# Community Photo: National award goes to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside



Eddie Hernandez of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside, right, receives the Merit Award for Program Excellence for the club's gardening and STEM programs from Damon A. Williams, senior vice president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America at the organization's national conference in Dallas. (Courtesy Photo)

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## Redlands Daily Facts

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside recently received Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Merit Award for Program Excellence for its STEM and gardening programs.

The award was presented during Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 111th national conference in Dallas May 12.

The gardening program teaches youth how to grow and harvest plants to prepare, eat and share. Youth also learn about the plants' life cycles.

The STEM program covers a topic each month and promotes STEM concepts through fun activities. Topics have included the solar system, engineering, electricity and sports science.

Merit Awards for Program Excellence are sponsored by MetLife Foundation and presented annually for outstanding programs developed and implemented at Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. Each honoree also receives \$2,500.