

## Metro Detroit Youth Bowlers Earn More Than \$4K in Scholarships, Grab Honors



Photo caption: Alexandria Smigiel (left) and Krysta Peirce earned \$1,000 college scholarships from the MDUSBC.

Troy, MI - June 16, 2015 - Members of the South Eastern Michigan Bowling Centers Association (SEMBCA) celebrated the achievements of the area's youth bowlers at a recent awards banquet held in Warren.

Four bowlers received \$1,000 college scholarships at the event held on June 7 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center. Scores of other youth bowlers earned points that could turn into scholarship dollars, too, according to Metro Detroit United States Bowling Congress (MDUSBC) Association Manager Mark Martin.

"We are proud to offer opportunities for youth bowlers to enjoy and progress in the sport, while helping them reach their educational goals," said Martin, whose association sponsored the banquet. Many SEMBCA members were in attendance.

There were more than 200 in attendance, including youth, ages 7-20, along with family and friends. Besides college scholarships, winners from the three MDUSBC tournaments were honored and bowlers were named to All-City teams from the organization's four age divisions. The MDUSBC boasts nearly 3,000 youth bowlers across metropolitan Detroit.

"It's a way of recognizing them for their accomplishments," said Martin. "It was a great wrap up to the season."

In all, nearly 50,000 bowlers belong to the MDUSBC, the nation's largest local association. Martin said a majority of the bowlers play at SEMBCA facilities. The two organizations help promote youth bowling.

"We're fully supportive of events like the MDUSBC youth banquet," said Tom Winkel, president of the SEMBCA. "There's been incredible growth in youth bowling the last several years. It wouldn't happen without the hard work and dedication of people like Mark Martin and his staff."

## **About the South Eastern Michigan Bowling Centers Association**

The bowling centers in Southeast Michigan, from Sterling Heights to South Lyon, are dedicated to raising awareness, promoting participation and enhancing the bowling experience for everyone. Joined together as SEMBCA, it's growing membership knows that bowling is the only sport where everything required for participation – balls, pins, shoes and refreshments – is available onsite and year-round. For more than 50 years the members of SEMBCA have reached out local communities by providing charitable fund-raising opportunities, corporate employee involvement and wholesome family fun for all ages. Bowling can also be educational, with more than 20 million kids under 17 bowling each year and many going on to the 250 colleges and universities that offer bowling as a sport, with some even benefitting from the \$6 million in college bowling scholarships. Learn more at [www.sembca.com](http://www.sembca.com).