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Mo Dart and Jazzanne Gordon-Fretwell of Fairbanks named Alaska Afterschool Superheroes

Fairbanks- Each year, the Alaska Afterschool Network recognizes 5 Afterschool superheroes that have gone above and beyond to change the lives of Alaska's children and ensure access to high-quality afterschool programming. Mo Dart, Teen Program Coordinator at Boys and Girls Club of Fairbanks, exemplifies extraordinary dedication to the field of afterschool. In her two years of employment at the program, Mo has initiated new projects and has personally engaged club members in art, games, and activities, as well as in projects to prevent underage drinking, suicide, and other substance use. One colleague says that Mo is "incredibly caring and hardworking," and an "influential, positive adult role model in the lives of the youth she works with."

Jazzanne Gordon- Fretwell has spent over 10 years in service at the North Star Youth Court, which helps train and inspire young people to become attorneys, judges, and mediators, and to better understand laws and the criminal justice system. This has led several students to graduate high school and pursue higher education and employment in the legal field. Jazz's dedication to the students she serves has helped the organization through budget cuts as well as through pandemic, and, as one of her colleagues states, "She constantly reminds our members that they can be anything in the world, and they're limited solely by their imagination." The colleague added that "She brings a smile to everyone's face when she enters a room, **and I think giving her the title of superhero would likely be an understatement.**"

The full list of five Afterschool Superheroes for 2021 are:

MO DART | Teen Program Coordinator, Boys and Girls Club of Fairbanks (Fairbanks, AK)

PAM GINGUE | Program Coordinator of Gateway After-school Programs (GAP), Alaska Gateway School District (Tok, AK)

JAZZANNE GORDON-FRETWELL | Executive Director, North Star Youth Court (Fairbanks, AK)

SIERRA MOSKIOS | R.E.C. Room Coordinator, Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic R.E.C. Room, (Homer, Alaska)

JULIE JOHNSON | Environmental Educator, US Bureau of Land Management Campbell Creek Science Center (Anchorage, AK)

For more information on the Alaska Afterschool Network, visit akafterschool.org or to read more about all 5 Superheroes, [go to our blog](#).

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