

Ava M. Bryant-Bio

Ava M. Bryant is the Unit Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Carolina. She was born and raised in the North River community in Beaufort, NC. Ava graduated from East Carteret High School in 1997. After graduation, Ava made the decision to remain in her community to give back and to help make it better. She continues to live in the North River community with her husband Chris and their three beautiful children.

Ava has volunteered and collaborated with many organizations to promote awareness and growth in and out of her community. After hurricane Florence, Ava worked with Rett Newton, Mayor of Beaufort, to help speed up recovery efforts for the residence of North River. She has also collaborated with the NC State Shelton Scholars to help clean up the North River Community grounds. Because of her many efforts, Mayor Newton has recognized Ava in the Town's newsletter as "The Very Best of Beaufort".

Ava has worked with the Beaufort Boy & Girls Club afterschool program to create a mini-museum honoring the memory of Captain Michael J. Smith, a native of Beaufort. On the anniversary of the Challenger explosion, Ava conducts an educational program honoring Capt. Smith. Ava's main goal is to encourage young students to enjoy space exploration and history. Ava's annual recognition of Capt. Smith caught the attention of the Smith family. They have collaborated to erect a Highway Historical Marker, honoring the life and legacy of Michael J. Smith.