



## Christian Melman

### Lewis Ray Youth Bowler of the Year

Christian Melman is an amazing young man exhibiting continually his strong faith in God and respect for others. He is a motivated individual who continues to strive to succeed in all areas of life as evidenced by his many accomplishments and willingness to explore new experiences.

In his early years, Christian achieved his First Degree Black belt in Taekwondo around the age of 8, completed Cub Scouts, and in 2009 received the President's Education Awards Program, Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Christian's interest in bowling began in 2006-2007 at AMF Showplace in Euless, adding USA Bowl in Dallas the last couple of years, where he also worked for a short time when school and sports allowed. Christian has advanced through the bowling experience including Travel League, PBA/Jr Gold League, Grand Prix, Teen Bowling Circuit, and Amateur Bowling Tour. Christian placed third in the Jena Kay Hutchings tournament twice, and bowled the Wes Malott tournament in 2015 and 2016, placing in 2015 for high series-handicap and 5th – 8th place overall. In 2015, Christian was second in the top six bowlers for the state All Stars, with his Showplace team winning the tournament that year. He has competed in Junior Gold Nationals for the last three years, and recently qualified for 2017.

Bowling the Texas State USBC Youth Championships, in 2008, he earned 2nd Place in Division 9 Doubles and 2nd Place in Division 11 All Events. In 2015, he received 1st place in Doubles. His high game is a 279, high average 214 Travel League, and high series around 706.

Christian attended Temple Christian School in Fort Worth, TX his junior high-high school years. He was in the National Honor Society through junior high and high school. Christian graduated with an Honors Distinguished Diploma with a 3.89 GPA. During high school, Christian played football his junior and senior years, and was captain of the JV football team his senior year. In his junior year of baseball he earned First Team All-District, along with earning Honorable Mention for the All-State team as a First Baseman.

Christian's strong faith included being actively involved with his Temple Baptist Church in the Student Ministries. He continues this part of his life working at the Coffee Creek Church in Edmond, OK and participating in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. His life verse is 2 Corinthians 6:2.

Christian completed more than 84 hours of community service during his 4 years of high school at two local hospitals, a youth community ballpark, in addition to other opportunities offered. This past summer, he worked a week with Global World Changers repairing homes.

Christian is bowling for University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK. He is attending UCO pursuing a major in Mass Communications/Pro-Media with a focus toward sports broadcasting.

