



Six Broward bowlers roll to state tournament Coral Glades sophomore Krystina Nealon won district on 16th birthday

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Coral Glades sophomore Krystina Nealon celebrated her sweet 16th birthday in style as she won the District 14 individual bowling championship at Strikes at Boca on Monday.

Nealon, who missed qualifying for state at the district tournament last year by 10 pins, said she made the wish on Sunday night as she blew out the candles on her birthday cake.

"It's awesome to make it to state," said Nealon, who rolled a 223-228-213 for a 664 total to become the first bowler from her school to ever qualify for the state bowling tournament. "Now there is pressure to bowl well because I won the district. Last year I missed it by a few pins and I want to show people what I can really do."

Nealon was one of six [Broward County](#) athletes to punch their tickets as individuals to the state tournament at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando next week. The top two teams and the top three individuals not on a qualifying team advance.

Other girls who qualified individually are St. Thomas Aquinas Kristin Zimmerman (204-181-197-582) and Coral Springs Charter junior Jessica Mellott (183-189-188-560).

For the boys, Coral Springs Charter School sophomore Pablo Cerda won the district title as he rolled a three-game total of 750 to advance to state as an individual. Cerda edged out Highlands Christian sophomore Andrew Celesti who finished second with a 733 total and also earned a state berth. The third qualifying spot went to Celesti's brother, Chris, a senior.

"I felt awesome after the first game," said Cerda, whose previous best on the same lanes was a 238. "After the first game, I just thought if I make strikes and get spares I would be good. I am going to try and win [states] do the best I can."

Both Nealon and Cerda are the first [Broward County](#) bowlers to win district titles.

Highlands Christian was a surprising qualifier for the baker games as it made up a 36-pin deficit on Coral Springs Charter in its final game by bowling a 1022. Coral Springs Charter School was only able to muster an 863 in its final game. Coral Springs Charter School's girls took third after falling to Santaluces in the baker games.

District 14 bowling results

Girls teams: Park Vista d. Santaluces, 3-1; 3. Coral Springs Charter, 4. John I. Leonard.

Girls individuals: Krystina Nealon, (Coral Glades) 223-228-213-664; 2. Kayla Kanarick (Park Vista) 183-252-204; 3. Kristin Zimmerman (STA) 204-181-197-582; 4. LeeAnn Lent (Santaluces) 176-182-211-569; Jessica Mellott (Coral Springs Charter) 183-189-188-560; Taylor DiNatali (Park Vista) 179-186-194-559; Alyssa Seibert (Park Vista) 211-127-188-526; AnnMarie Lent (Santaluces) 178-156-183-517; 9. Jackie Dubisky ([West Boca](#)) 210-111-167-488; 10. Kendra Handler (Park Vista) 150-190-146-486.

Boys teams: Park Vista d. [Boca Raton](#), 3-2; 3. Highlands Christian, 4. Santaluces.

Boys individuals: Pablo Cerda (Coral Springs Charter) 267-256-227-750; Andrew Celesti (Highlands Christian) 255-198-280-733; 3. Armand Violi ([Boca Raton](#)) 234-199-238-671; Daniel Tallet ([Boca Raton](#)) 235-191-232-658; Chris Celesti (Highlands Christian) 205-112-235-652; Jimmy Magi ([Boca Raton](#)) 222-235-192-649; Brandon Sucher (Pompano Beach) 177-214-256-647; Trevor English (John I. Leonard) 225-213-194-632; Brandon Baker (Park Vista) 195-223-213-631; 10. T.J. Moore (Santaluces) 200-228-201-629.