

2017 MJJA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OVERVIEW

ONCEY BROWN

Oncey is graduating from Southeast High School in Kansas City and will be attending the prestigious Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia starting this fall, where he plans to major in Theater Arts.

Oncey's decision to pursue higher education was influenced by his family, his mentors, his friends and his church – all of whom have played a significant role in his life. But most importantly, Oncey believes HE has become his own influence and realizes that going to college is a decision that has to be made for himself, and not primarily to satisfy others.

During high school, Oncey was active in 20/20 Leadership; AC Prep College Ambassadors; and PAVE the Way. In addition, Oncey has held a leadership position in Junior ROTC as Cadet Battalion Administration Officer.

Oncey's interests include fashion, acting and writing. He loves to read and also writes poems in his spare time.

Oncey's juvenile justice sponsor is Glenda Bainbridge, 16th Circuit Family Court

DE'AARON (Derrick) KNOWLES

Derrick obtained his HiSet Certificate, passing the test on his first try! He plans to attend State Technical College in the fall and is interested in an Automotive Technology Degree with an emphasis in High Performance. Eventually, Derrick would like to be in the Air Force or Navy and travel the world, then own his own mechanic shop.

Derrick chose State Technical College in Linn, because it's close to his home community and they have a great mechanic's program. Derrick wants to be the first male in his family to get a college degree.

While attending school at Fulton Treatment Center, Derrick was named Student of the Month in both October, 2016 and January, 2017. According to his Academic Teacher, Derrick has become a voracious reader and she has had a very difficult time keeping him in reading materials!!

Derrick's interests include playing basketball, football and lifting weights. He loves to read and is interested in cars – particularly RACING.

Derrick's juvenile justice sponsor is Amanda Wilbers, Division of Youth Services

NICHOLAS DEPPE

Nicholas began the 2016-2017 school year with the goal of graduating AHEAD of his class. Due to his hard work and dedication, Nicholas accomplished that goal, graduating from the Jefferson City Academic Center in December, 2016. He was then accepted at Moberly Area Community College and began taking classes in January, 2017. He plans to apply to a Nursing Program in the next few months.

Nicholas understands that life can be difficult without an education and feels that pursuing a Nursing Degree will allow him to help others. Nicholas wants to become an RN and continue his education by getting a BSN.

During high school, Nicholas was involved in Peer Mediation, Council for Drug Free Youth, and Student Teaching. He also volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Room. Nicholas was honored as JCAC's "Student of the Year Peer Mediator" and was also awarded the "Star Student for Council for a Drug Free Youth".

Nicholas' interests include painting, drawing, basketball, fishing and hiking.

Nicholas' juvenile justice sponsor is Christina Gamblin, 13th Circuit (Callaway County)