

Harnett Youth Participant named TSWDB Outstanding Younger Youth

Winter 2013

As an adolescent growing up in a single parent home, Brittany McKoy has overcome several barriers and adversities in her journey towards success in the Harnett County Youth program. Throughout her enrollment, Brittany demonstrated excellence in various Workforce Development Activities including: organizing and directing the Harnett County Youth Choir, completing her Academic Enrichment activities, excelling in Paid/Unpaid Work Experiences, having perfect attendance during her Summer Employment, and volunteering in her community by serving meals to individuals who are substance abuse addicts. Brittany was even awarded the Outstanding Youth of the Year for the Harnett County JobLink and Career Center because of her successes and her impact as a role model to the other participants.

Brittany is an individual who never fails to demonstrate excellence in her performance, and her dedication towards reaching her goals has never wavered, even after losing her family home in a fire. Since then, she has graduated from Triton High School in Erwin, NC, and is currently earning an Associate's of Arts at Central Carolina Community College. Her hopes are to transfer to North Carolina Central University, and earn a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, so she can be professionally trained to spend the rest of her life helping those who are in need.

Anitra Hart, Brittany's Case Manager, could not be more proud of Brittany, and is elated that she received recognition for her hard work. "Brittany is very deserving of this award," Mrs. Hart stated. "As her Case Manager I feel so blessed to have someone like her in our program. She strives for excellence and inspires me every day. I am glad to be able to see her overcome her many adversities and blossom into a wonderful young lady."

Brittany also sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem that evening at the Awards Banquet.

