

## **Outstanding WIOA In-School Youth Award – Terence Leach**

When Terence Leach first enrolled into the WIOA Youth Program through the Harnett County Workforce Development office in Lillington, NC, he had low grades, was in need of soft skills for the workplace and lacked both social and leadership skills.

Since his enrollment, Terence has improved tremendously. He attended a series of tutoring sessions and has alleviated his deficiencies in reading and math. He was also able to raise his GPA significantly and plans to graduate from Harnett Central High School on the “Future Ready” core track in June 2019.



Through attending Leadership Development and Financial Literacy activities, Terence gained the valuable life, social, and teamwork skills he needed for success. By completing a Work Experience opportunity with Harnett County Parks and Recreation, Terence gained several important soft skills as well including dependability, having a positive attitude, eagerness, initiative, appropriate workplace appearance, and building relationships with co-workers. Terence has even completed a handful of community service projects to include road side clean up, replenishing a local food pantry, and distributing food boxes to the less fortunate.

Terence’s educational and career goals include enlisting in the military, and earning a post-secondary degree in gaming design or computer programming after he earns his high school diploma next June.

Picture Caption: (l to r) Terence was presented his Outstanding In-School Youth Award from TSWDB Member Carolyn Blue at the 2018 TSWDB Awards Banquet.