

2018 WinningEdge Resident Scholar Profiles

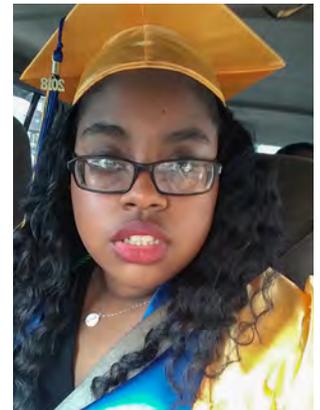
Forty eight residents of WinnResidential properties in 15 states and the District of Columbia received awards from the 2018 WinningEdge Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance to individuals who have earned a high school diploma or GED, and aspire to continue their education at a college, university, or professional trade school. Here are profiles of ten of this year's recipients.



Andrew Ashbeck | Soaring Heights at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base • Tucson, AZ
Andrew Ashbeck is entering his freshman year at the University of Arizona with plans to pursue a career in criminal justice, with a special interest in forensic science. A resident of Soaring Heights, Andrew has created an impression on the community at Davis Monthan, earning the Davis Monthan Youth Center's *2018 Youth of the Year*, being an active member of the Davis Monthan Keystone Club and helping military spouses with housework and childcare while their significant others were actively deployed. On top of that, he graduated high school with STEM distinction by taking on college-level coursework and taking on responsibilities as a Teacher's Assistant during his senior year.

Shandella Blakeney | Atlantic Terrace Apartments • Washington, DC

Many 17-year-olds have no idea where their lives are headed; Shandella Blakeney is an exception; she plans to one day own her own real estate business. No stranger to hard work, Shandella graduated high school a year early while balancing dual enrollment classes at the University of the District of Columbia, serving as the president of the Washington, D.C. 4-H chapter, participating in community service and being active in sports. She has been a part of the community at Atlantic Terrace for most of her life and credits growing up in the close-knit environment with helping her realize her passion for apartments and working with children and families.



Jules Branch | Spring Villa Apartments • North Providence, RI

After working for many years as a medical coding and billing specialist, Jules Branch enrolled in the Executive Development Program at Bryant University to pursue her goal of working in higher education as a University Administrator. She is well on her way there, having contributed to the development of the *PeopleSoft* grant administration platform, which is utilized by many colleges and universities today and boasting extensive experience in grant writing and compliance, quality assurance, and financial management. A resident of Spring Villa Apartments, a community for the elderly and disabled, Jules is passionate about caring for her neighbors, taking pride in cooking meals, running errands and assisting with their household chores.

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Brianna Clark | Stonegate Apartments • San Jose, CA

Brianna Clark is entering her senior year as a Political Science major at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. Originally from San Jose, California, she is grateful to her community for shaping her as a person and influencing her passions for government, law and public policy. While pursuing her high school diploma, Brianna experienced housing instability but was able to rise above these challenges and see them as advantages that will help her to ultimately achieve her goals. After graduating from Tuskegee University in the spring of 2019, she plans on attending graduate school and studying Public Administration.

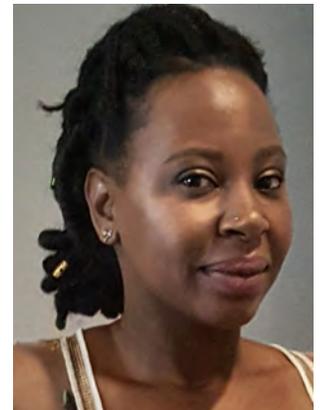


Brooke Errington | Fort Hood Family Housing • Killeen, TX

Brooke is entering her freshman year in the Nutrition and Kinesiology program at Kansas State University in the fall of 2018. Growing up on military bases allowed Brooke to develop compassion, flexibility and the ability to multitask; skills that served her in high school as a member of the National Honor Society, a student athlete and an active volunteer at her school and church. While living at Fort Hood Family Housing, Brooke became an actively engaged member of the community, taking on leadership positions with the local chapters of 4-H and the United Service Organization. After college, she plans to use her degree to become an occupational therapist for children with special needs.

Nita Holder | Mary Ellen McCormack • Boston, MA

Nita Holder does not measure success by personal wealth; rather she says it can be measured by "happiness, doing what is right, fighting for common good and standing up for one's beliefs." A dedicated mother to her six-year-old son, she works full-time as a research assistant for the Boston City Council and is pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Northeastern University. After graduating in December 2018, Nita's goals include starting her own business and developing a program to provide opportunities for young members of her community who are at high risk for incarceration and recidivism.



Piotr Michalik | Village Square Apartments • Phoenix, AZ

Piotr Michalik has spent the past five years working at Red Lobster in Scottsdale, Arizona. First hired as a dishwasher, he applied himself and rose through the ranks to become a restaurant supervisor. Piotr dreams of becoming an elementary school teacher "in a school where opportunity is only a five-minute vocabulary lesson." His work ethic and determination have allowed him to pursue this goal by working more than 50 hours a week at two jobs, pursuing his Associate in Arts in Elementary Education from Paradise Valley Community College and participating in volunteer outreach programs geared toward children with special needs. Upon completing his associate degree, he plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to study elementary education and special education.

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Corrine Pierce | Pearl Harbor-Hickam Family Housing • Honolulu, HI

Corrine Pierce is entering her freshman year at the University of Hawaii - Manoa with plans to become a doctor at a non-profit clinic. She has positioned herself to make this goal a reality by excelling academically in high school and by taking on leadership roles at her school and in the community at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Corrine has logged numerous community service hours by spearheading recycling initiatives, tutoring her classmates, participating in ocean clean-ups and volunteering as a recreation aide on-base. A gifted athlete, she founded her school's women's soccer team and was the first female athlete to score a hole in one for the golf team!



Jamie Teachenor II | Tierra Vista at Peterson Air Force Base • Colorado Springs, CO
Airman First Class Jamie Teachenor II has music in his blood and the United States of America in his heart. After years writing award-winning country songs in Nashville, Jamie enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to serve his country in 2015. A resident of Tierra Vista Communities at Peterson Air Force Base, he tours the country as a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Band and as the lead singer of the academy's Wild Blue Country band. Since joining the Armed Forces, he has received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is currently enrolled in an MBA Program at Troy University. When he is not sharing his musical talents across the country or working toward his MBA, he partners with St. Jude Children's Hospital and volunteers as a youth mentor and basketball and soccer coach on Peterson Air Force Base.

Jeffrey Xie | Castle Square Apartments • Boston, MA

Jeffrey Xie grew up in the heart of Boston, at Castle Square Apartments, so it's no surprise that this young man feels a strong connection to his city. This rising junior at Boston College is studying finance through the demanding Carroll School of Management but still finds ways to give back to the community. Jeffrey co-founded Barbers4, a non-profit program that connects barbers and stylists with disadvantaged men living in Boston to deliver haircuts and a sense of dignity. Additionally, he spends ten hours per week tutoring children at the Casa Nueva Vida homeless shelter, allowing parents time to look for work. After graduating, Jeffrey plans to utilize his business acumen to work toward "creating a more just society."

