

Tiffany Darden

Tiffany is a 2015 graduate of Quartz High School, Quartz Hills, California. While at Quartz Hills, Tiffany maintained a GPA of 4.51 and ranks 36 out of 755 (top 4%) of her graduating class.

Tiffany is a member of the Black Student Union, Youth Commission for the City of Lancaster, California, Debate Team and Teen Court. For the past four years Tiffany has participated in the Los Angeles Mock Trial where she serves as Lead Prosecutor. Tiffany has served as Chairperson of the Youth Commission, a Teen Court Juror, Lead Anti-Bullying Ambassador and the President of the Future Business Leaders of America. Tiffany's long term goals is to become a Supreme Court Judge or U.S. Attorney General.

Tiffany plans to attend Georgetown University or the University of California @ Berkley in the fall where she will major in History.

Tiffany is the daughter of Miki Hazzard and Christopher Darden



Vladimir Castillo

Vladimir is a 2015 graduate of Trenton Central High School, Trenton, New Jersey.

Vladimir will be the first in his family to attend college. Vladimir mother has a quote, "He who breaks his brain studying will not have to break his hands working." Vladimir lives by this quote. Vladimir has volunteered at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Trenton Annual Litter March, Shiloh Baptist Church after school program, helped with fund raiser for local battered women shelters, and help host a local HIV/AIDS Awareness event.

Vladimir plans to attend Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he will major in Criminal Justice.

Vladimir is the son of Reyna Cruz.



Sierra Groce

Sierra is a 2015 graduate of Oxford High School, Oxford, Alabama.

Sierra plans to attend The University of Alabama @ Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she will major in Criminal Justice. Sierra chose this field because she see the need to defend veterans who return home from intense service with conditions such as PTSD, substance abuse, domestic violence and traumatic brain injury.

Sierra has worked as a Hospice volunteer writing up forms, filing papers, organizing patients' charts and more. This volunteer experience has taught Sierra the value of working and cooperating with others, not only in school, but in the community and the workplace. Sierra also wants to set examples for her two younger brothers by showing them that nothing can stop them from achieving their dreams, but at the same time the dream is not going to come to them or even meet them halfway.

Sierra is the daughter of Angelo and Serita Groce.



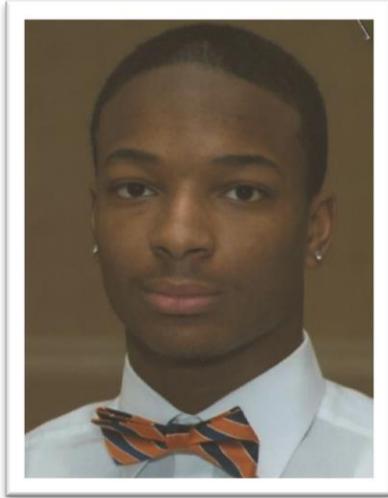
Gabrielle Going

Gabrielle is a 2015 graduate of Dr. Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, Chicago Illinois.

Gabrielle stated in her essay that she was adopted and did not have any connection to her biological family, but she had a better connection to the world. Gabrielle was able to write poetry as an escape. Gabrielle stated, "Poetry helped me get past the thought of no one wants me, and why didn't my real parents love me? Gabrielle plans to use the knowledge and experience she gains in college as an aid to help children who may feel that there is no way to escape bad situations. Gabrielle participates in the Gwendolyn Brooks Day of Service where she mentors students in the art of poetry. The students use one of Dr. Brooks poems and put their own special spin to it.

Gabrielle plans to attend Eastern Illinois University, where she will major in Psychology with a minor in Criminology.

Gabrielle is the daughter of Gladys Going.



Kody Stevens

Kody is a 2015 graduate of Polytech High School, Woodside Delaware.

Kody has wanted to be a police officer since he was a young kid playing cops and robbers with his friends. When Kody was in the 7th grade he joined the wrestling team and one of the coaches was a police officer, Officer Keith Hester. Officer Hester was an inspiration for Kody, especially with him coming from a single parent home. Kody didn't realize how much of an inspiration until a year ago, while he worked at the Boys and Girls Club. On a daily basis Kody interacted with youth, especially boys by playing board games, teaching swimming lessons, and helping with football and basketball skills. Kody was at a local store when he was approached by a mother of one of the youth who attended the club. The mother asked Kody to talk to her son about his behavior since he seemed to listen to Kody during the summer. After talking with the youth Kody realized the impact he had on the youth.

Kody plans to attend Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he will major in Criminal Justice.

Kody is the son of Stacey Stevens.



Sydney Riddick

Sydney is a 2015 graduate of St. Cecilia Academy, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sydney goals are to help victims family and friends find peace by knowing what happened to their love ones. That's one of the main reason Sydney has chosen Forensic Science as her major. Sydney was a member of the student council, helped organize the school's fall dance, the father daughter dance and the mayoral candidate forum. Sydney also volunteers at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and St. Thomas Hospital where she reads and talk with young cancer patients.

Sydney plans to attend either Xavier University or Clark-Atlanta University in the fall.

Sydney is the daughter of Tracy and Robin Riddick.



Cedric James

Cedric is a 2015 graduate of Jefferson County High School, Louisville Georgia.

Cedric has volunteered at his church summer camp program, Relay for Life, Jefferson County Football Camp, (Camp CHOICES), which is sponsored by NFL player Fernando Velasco. Cedric stated that a article in the New York Times motivated him want to succeed and make a difference. The article ranked Jefferson County as one of the hardest places in America to succeed.

Cedric plans to attend Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, where he will major in Criminal Justice. Cedric wants to become an FBI Agent or a U. S. Marshall.

Cedric is the son of Valerie James.



Aaron Elizabeth Leftridge

Aaron is a 2015 graduate of Plano Senior High School.

Aaron plans to attend George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia where she will double major in Criminology and Linguistics. Linguistic is the study of speech.

Aaron is the Director and Founder of Young Women Inc., which is a a mentoring program for middle school age girls. Aaron has participated in the FBI-Dallas Academy for the past three years, and the AVID Program which is a college readiness system designed to help students prepare for and exceed in college. Aaron also interned to the Associate Dean of Communication at El Centro College.

Aaron is the daughter of Thomas and Sylvia Leftridge.



Tracy Gilliard Jr.

Tracy is a 2015 graduate of Cane Bay High School, Summerville South Carolina.

Tracy was the Vice-President of the Beta Club, participated in Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, Haircuts for the Homeless and numerous other community service events.

Tracy has experienced racial profiling personally after being a passenger in a vehicle with a white driver and two other passengers who were black. Tracy stated in his essay, "It's a shame that the people who are supposed to be protecting us are the ones who are killing us. There need to be a change, and the change will come from young black folks getting an education, and getting jobs to take over and reconstruct the criminal justice system."

Tracy plans to attend Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey. Tracy long term goal is to work in the Criminal Investigation Agency, National Security Agency or the Department of Homeland Security.

Tracy is the son of Tracy Gilliard and Joyce Gillard.



Nolan Thomas Smith

Nolan is a 2015 graduate of Red Oak High School, Red Oak, Texas.

Nolan was a member of the Red Oak Police Department Explorer Program, where he has already logged over 120 hours of ride along experience. During the 2015 Explorer's competitions Nolan received 1st place in the active shooter scenario. Nolan's English teacher stated, "I have observed Nolan gift as a leader and he encourages and enables others to succeed by his decision making skills."

Nolan plans to attend Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas where he will major in Criminal Justice. After graduation Nolan wants to get a job as a Secret Service Agent.

Nolan is the son of Leighton and Roslyn Smith.