Alanna Dockery graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, where she was a serious, inquisitive student and a leader in her community. Her references reported that she is an effective and mature mentor and leader who enjoys working with children and senior citizens. We admire Alanna’s skills in writing poetry, cheerleading and languages, and we were impressed by Alanna’s extensive community service, her academic achievements and her personal character. Her application was very well done, and during the phone interview, she was honest, realistic and straight-forward. Alanna’s references believe, as we do, that she will continue to be successful in her future academic and life pursuits because of her determination and courage in spite of her obstacles. Alanna attends Trinity University.

Eric Osborne is a graduate of Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, where he was an outstanding student. He was been described as hardworking, responsible, mature, and a good role model and motivator for his peers. He has provided a lot of service to his community, including ushering at church, distributing food in a local SHARE program, and volunteering in a church outreach program for homeless men. We were impressed by the discipline that Eric has displayed in tae kwon do, but were truly blown away by his determination to succeed, in spite of the challenges that he has faced. Eric displays a positive attitude and firmness of purpose, and we look forward to working with him during his college years. Eric attends Prince George’s Community College.
Malik Washington is a graduate of Patuxent High School in Lusby, Maryland, where he worked hard and developed into a respectable, mature and enthusiastic student. As a starting varsity football player, he was a dominating player and outstanding leader of a championship football team, always inspiring his teammates to strive for excellence. We were particularly impressed by Malik’s timely decisions to overcome his obstacles, turn his life around, make his education a priority, help his family, and serve as a role model for others. It was a pleasure to experience his honest, mature personality that showed through during our interview! We believe that Malik is headed for a great future, and we are glad that we will be there to witness his potential as he works to fulfill his dreams. Malik attends Livingstone College.
Kiana Carter graduated from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia where she proved to be a very motivated and engaged student. Those who submitted recommendation letters on her behalf described her as mature, enthusiastic, and devoted to her endeavors. She was also described as an organizer, problem-solver, team leader and a strong role model in her community. We were very proud of Kiana’s success in completing an Urban Alliance internship in the Office of the County Board in Arlington County, Virginia this past year. We thank Kiana for her courage in writing about some very challenging experiences that have made her stronger, and we believe without a doubt that she will reach her goals. Kiana attends Virginia State University.