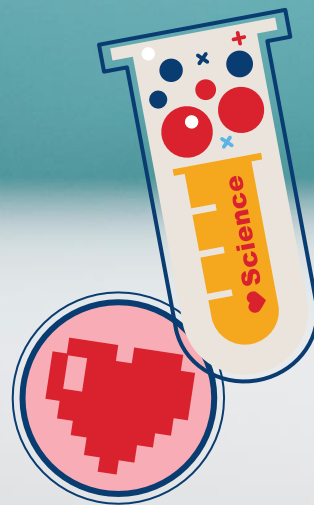


Shining a Light!

Celebrating milestones and accomplishments of CCDCFS youth and Emancipated Young Adults!



Alexus McWilliams is a senior Sullivan-Deckard Scholar at Cleveland State University. She is currently on-track to graduate May 2025 with a bachelors in Exercise Science. Her plan is to further her education by obtaining a masters degree in Exercise Science followed by a Doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy. Alexis prides herself by saying: "I always tell myself nobody will believe in you until you believe in yourself first!". After recovering from serious injuries resulting from a tragic car accident in 2023, she still made the Deans List! Reaching her senior year was no easy task but Alexis refuses to give up on herself! She truly has earned a spotlight.

Alexys McWilliams



David is 18 years old and resides at Necco, where he's been placed since April 2021. He has made great strides during his stay. He is a good student and on target to graduate this year! David is excited that he will be receiving his final credits this week and will be stepping down to a placement next week through MRDD in Bedford, OH. When he's not at school, David is active in IL programs. He loves working the cash register with staff and handling money. David has had a tough journey and covid delayed some progress and his ability to step down which was frustrating. Despite challenges, David has shown significant improvement and is excited to not only graduate but to transition into a space where he can be closer to family and loved ones. Keep shining David!



David Pratt



Konstance's smile is as bright as her personality. She graduated from Invictus High School on December 15, 2023. She is 19 years old and has a 2 yr. old son named Kartier. Konstance was accepted into Tri-C January 16, 2024. Her plan was to obtain her Associate of Arts degree and then transfer to Cleveland State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She recently made the Dean's List and holds a 3.75 GPA. She also is in the Honors Program at Tri-C, recently received an acceptance letter to Cleveland State for spring 2026 and has begun a journey to become an entrepreneur with a cleaning business. Konstance is very outgoing and dedicated to finishing school. She work's hard on her studies and makes sure to earn good grades. Konstance engages in tutoring sessions and is also a Student Ambassador for Tri-C.

Konstance Loper



Russell Lang has reached remarkable accomplishments and milestones. Despite facing significant challenges, Russell has continued to push forward with determination. He successfully graduated from Cleveland State University in 2024, was a Sullivan Deckard Scholar and is now focused on building his own photography business.

Russell's talent in photography has led him to capture striking images of our city, several of which have been purchased and published. His work is a true testament to his resilience and his dedication to his craft.

Russell's story and achievements are inspiring, and his journey gets brighter by the day.

Russell Lang



Tiranay Campbell shines as bright as her future. At 22 years of age, she is small in stature but dreams BIG. Tiranay took advantage of the Sullivan Deckard Scholarship opportunity and will graduate from Cleveland State University this spring 2025 with her Bachelors of Arts degree.

She is a talented violinist and provides violin lessons for local school orchestras.

Tiranay's interests after college include an entrepreneurship path, performing at weddings, birthday parties and other social events. She also plans to provide private violin lessons for pre-teens.

Tiranay Campbell

