

Kirsten Janae Rowe



Kirsten is a 2017 graduate of Alexander Central High School. Kirsten will be attending High Point University, High Point, North Carolina in the Fall, where she will major in Pre-Law. Kirsten is the second child out of six who have attended college. In her essay Kirsten how shew wants to make a difference in someone's life; no matter how big or small. Pursuing a law degree has been one of Kirsten's lifelong goal. Kirsten has dreams of practicing law and being able to help many people cope and get justice for the wrongs that have been done against them. Kirsten wants to be able to give back to her community. Kirsten wants to be financially stable enough to partner with Habitat for Humanity, where she can create and organize a program to feed those who are desperate need of food.

Kirsten has a great work ethic and leadership skills. During Kirsten's time at high school she increased her GPA from a 3.76 to a 4.3, while being involved in multiple extracurricular activities and having a job. For the past three years Kirsten demonstrated her leadership abilities with the youth department at her church. With Kirsten guidance, the youth department completed several projects for the community with her favorite being the backpack drive. During this drive school supplies were collected from February-August and at the end of the collection period the backpacks were given to children in the community.

Kirsten is the daughter of Mylon and Letitia Hughes.

Autumn Brown



Autumn is a 2017 graduate of Eastside High School, Gainesville, Florida. Autumn will be attending Savannah State University in the fall where she will major in Criminal Justice. Autumn feels that there is a need for more African Americans lawyers in our nation today, because African Americans are constantly accused of crimes they did not commit, and receive unfair judgement. Autumn dream of becoming an attorney and defending those that are falsely accused as well as those that deserve to be heard and defended.

For the past three years Autumn has been a part of the Criminal Justice Program in high school and this has helped guide her in choosing her future career. Autumn has volunteered at the Alachua County Teen

Court where she worked directly with attorneys defending juvenile offenders. Autumn often served as the lead defense attorney and was excited about helping the teens earn a second chance. By having this opportunity Autumn wants to continue her education and attend law school to become a criminal defense attorney. Autumn has participated in the March of Dimes walk, Alachua County Heart walk, Dance Marathon to raise funds for UF Heath Shands Children's Hospital, Kiwanis club fundraiser, and volunteered over 200 hours at the local YMCA.

Autumn is the daughter of Ozette and Melissa Brown.