

This woman of value is a three-time SOS scholarship recipient. She is a first-generation student whose parents left Guayaquil, Ecuador, in search of a better life. She lives with her mother and four younger siblings, for whom she helps care and provide. She received an associate degree from Columbus State where she was twice on the Dean's List. She is now at Ohio State studying Computer Information Science. She is incredibly talented with photography and languages and is fluent in English, French, Spanish, and is learning Arabic and Portuguese. There will be no limit to her growth and achievements in college and beyond.

This remarkable woman is a four-time SOS scholarship recipient! She is a PhD candidate in Health Administration at Franklin University and plans to complete her dissertation and defend it by January 2020. She works 19-29 hours per week and is the parent of a two-year old son. She is a former foster youth who continues to work to address the plight of foster children and provide employment and educational resources for them.

This recipient already has an associate degree in Criminal Justice and is pursuing a degree in Criminology at Capital University and plans to graduate next year. When she graduates, she'll be the first person in her family to earn a bachelor's degree. Her career goals are to become an attorney and work to keep children in school and out of prison. She has been described as innovative, dependable, hard working, and has a unique ability to reach youth.

This wonderful woman is a four-time SOS scholarship recipient. She is a student at Ohio University, pursuing a master's degree in Student Affairs and Higher Education, and will graduate this December. She has an impressive 3.9 grade point average. She also has a degree from Columbus State, and graduated Magna Cum Laude a year ago from Ohio State. She works with first generation students at Columbus State and has a deep passion for working with non-traditional students believing that all students deserve support, attention, and the opportunity to be successful. She was described with many amazing adjectives including compassionate, positive, upbeat, and charismatic. She has already made a big difference for many students. She is also the proud mom of two children, ages five and one.

This second-year scholarship recipient is studying Social and Human Services and is a full time student at Columbus State. She plans to graduate in fall 2020 and will pursue a position in the field of social work. She would like to become a Child Welfare Advocate for Franklin County. She was described as being dedicated, hardworking, caring, and filled with integrity, honesty, and compassion. She is the proud mom of five children.

This first-time SOS scholarship recipient is working on a master's degree in Social Work at Ohio State and plans to graduate May 5, 2020. In the future she hopes to open a non-profit transitional housing with an integrated community social service center for aging-out and former foster youth, veterans, and their families. She is a former foster youth and was the first person to graduate from the Columbus State Scholar Network Program with an Associate Degree in Social and Human Service. She is the mother of two children.

One recipient is pursuing her LVN/LPN at The Columbus School of Practical Nursing through Columbus City Schools. She plans to graduate in October 2020 and then continue on to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and become a registered nurse. She really wants to be a change agent and help others obtain good physical and mental health. She has been described as personable, dedicated, and responsible and is the proud mom of a 13-year old.

Another first-time recipient holds an associate degree in Digital Design and Graphics from Columbus State and is currently studying Interactive Media Design at Franklin University and plans to graduate May 2020. She is an AmeriCorps volunteer and works 20-25 hours weekly with the Community Properties of Ohio (CPO) Building Blocks Program where she visits with parents in the inner city and helps them with early childhood literacy. In the future she plans to design content for learning tools and products. She leads by example and is a driven and innovative leader. She has one daughter.

This outstanding woman is a three-time scholarship recipient, studying Human Development and Family Science at Ohio State. She currently has an impressive 4.0 grade point average and plans to graduate in May 2021. She is a former foster youth and was involved with Columbus State's Scholar Network Program. For the last three years she has planned and traveled to Washington DC to meet with government officials and advocate for the rights of foster youth. She was very involved at Columbus State and was described as a force to be reckoned with. She is a superb student and a hard working student leader.

This three-time recipient is studying Psychology at Ohio University. Prior to OU, she was a powerhouse at Columbus State in their TRIO/Student Support Services Program where she planned many events and served as a Student Ambassador on campus. She is focused on equity and being an agent of change. She worked with one of the Columbus State advisors to increase their financial literacy offerings. She also participated in a program called Fierce Conversations where she traveled to Chicago and worked with other students to increase their cultural awareness, improve their public speaking, and develop the tools to have difficult conversations. Her ultimate goal is to be a mental health professional working with veterans.

Another first-time recipient is studying Nursing at Central Ohio Technical College where she has just one year remaining. She is very excited about being a nurse and having a positive impact on many lives. She is a leader in the OSU ACCESS Collaborative Program where she serves as a mentor to a teen mom in the CHAMPS program. When faced with very demanding and stressful situations, she always presents herself as levelheaded and compassionate. She has the drive, focus, motivation, and determination necessary to obtain the goal of earning her degree. She is the very proud mom of an 8-year old daughter.

This wonderful woman is a fourth-year SOS scholarship recipient. She has just completed her associate degree in Biology and will be the first transfer student from Columbus State to Ohio Dominican where she is majoring in Biopsychology. She is a thoughtful and amazing writer. She has been very involved in college outreach programs including being a Student Ambassador, and participating in Women's Connection and Scholar Network, a program for former foster youth. She had the amazing opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. and collaborate with congresswoman Joyce Beatty and senator Rob Portman about pressing issues that affect youth today. She plans to become a physician's assistant and specialize in neuroscience with an emphasis on surgical subspecialties. She wants to contribute to underrepresented populations who struggle to sustain their own families and who do not have enough access to medical assistance as other privileged groups. She is a trailblazer and we're very proud to have known her over these four years.

Another second-year recipient is finishing a dual major in Human Resources Management and Business Administration at Franklin University and will graduate in spring 2020. She recently earned her associate degree of Applied Science and Human Resource Management at Columbus State where she also works full-time. She is very accomplished and last March was vetted to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor on affordable education and the wrap around supports that are crucial to student success. She has done extensive reading and has become expert on the history of marginalized populations that are systemically deprived of a higher education. She plans to continue to law school, to be a voice for the voiceless, and wants to pay it forward by helping individuals in a way that others have helped her. She is the proud mom of an 8-year old.

This remarkable second-time scholarship recipient is a Mathematics major at Ohio State and hopes to graduate in May 2021. Although she's not certain of her career, she knows that she wants to use applied mathematics. She has been described as extremely dedicated, hard working, conscientious in her actions, and prepared to tackle new situations with a positive attitude.

This first-time recipient, majoring in Social Work at Capital University, has an impressive 3.7 grade point average and plans to graduate in May 2021. She also works full time at Freedom A La Carte Workforce Development Program for survivors of human trafficking where she has earned a position as a case manager on their management team and works closely with the judicial system and other social service agencies. At A La Carte, she was given a mission to develop a program for survivors who have graduated from treatment programs but might still benefit from continued supportive services. She developed the Butterfly Program that has grown from three to four participants at most functions to a group of 61 active survivors. She takes it upon herself to call each of the 61 survivors each month to personally invite them to the month's activities. She is a role model, a resource, and respected professional for all survivors of human trafficking in Central Ohio.

This first time recipient is studying Accounting at Columbus State, planning to graduate with an associate degree in May 2021. She also works full-time. In the future she plans to become an Enrolled Agent and participate in the V.I.T. A. program to help low income and elderly adults with their taxes, a program for which she volunteered last year. She is going to be a Certified Public Accountant and plans to open her own tax practice.

Another first time recipient is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Leadership at Otterbein where she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She is goal oriented and industrious. She was offered an internship in the Ohio Auditor of State's office and they were so impressed with her work that they asked her to stay on and they promoted her. She's a really busy mom who works a second job in order to provide for her two daughters, ages 6 and 3.