



MCKENZIE UMPHLETT

NWDB NextGen Participant

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McKenzie is a 19 year old native of Camden County. She joined the NWDB NCWorks NextGen family in September of 2017. At that time she was enrolled in the College of the Albemarle's Basic and Transitional Studies Program to earn her High School Equivalence. Her initial goal was to work in the medical career field and through assessments and working with her Career Advisor, she defined her career goal to pursue Sonography which fits her career interest.

McKenzie never rest on yesterday's achievements. She has taken advantage of every opportunity afforded to her internally with NCWorks NextGen and externally with the College of the Albemarle and other partnership with NWDB. She has taken advantage of tutoring services, attended the 2019 Annual NC Youth Summit and local Career Cafés hosted by NWDB NextGen staff.

MCKENZIE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- High School Equivalency Diploma
- NWDB NextGen Participant
- College of the Albemarle Student
- Working Smart Soft Skills Graduate
- NWDB NextGen Work Experience
- Full-Time Employee as the Activities Assistant with Elizabeth City Health and Rehabilitation Center

EDUCATION

McKenzie started homeschooling in the 7th grade because of challenges in public school and later attended College of the Albemarle to earn her High School Equivalence. She excelled at her classes and received her diploma in December 2017 after only four months and was a speaker at the graduation ceremony. After graduation, she immediately got started with enrollment in college courses in January 2018 in pursuit of her career goals. Even though she needed additional assistance in math, she didn't allow that to deter her from getting started. She attended tutoring through the College of the Albemarle to assist her in successfully completed three math courses. Due to family and housing challenges, McKenzie delayed enrolling in further courses and plans to move to Georgia and continue her education at Lanier College in the Medical Assistant and Sonogram Technician programs.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Prior to working with NextGen, McKenzie had no work experience. She was eager to start developing job-related skills with the Work Experience program. Her first work experience was with Albemarle Lab working at the front desk greeting patients then later transferred to Elizabeth City Health and Rehabilitation Center as a Activities Assistant. McKenzie's supervisor was impressed with her work from the very beginning. After completing the work experience, she interviewed for and hired as the full-time Activities Assistant where she currently works.

MCKENZIE'S CORNER

McKenzie is a very positive person and she is always looking for ways to make the lives of her clients better where she works. She is very compassionate and adores working with the residents at the Rehab Center and takes great pride in her work and readily assists each resident with a smile.

McKenzie is determined to make the best of every situation and not let challenges stop her from pursuing and reaching her full potential. Her future goal is to study abroad for a semester and earn a degree in International Cultural studies.