

2016 NJNAHRO Scholarship Winners

Tiara Bryant, Morris County Housing Authority –



Tiara graduated high school with a 3.5 GPA. Academically, she was on the honor roll and in the National Society of High School Scholars. She also volunteered many hours at Morristown Neighborhood House, a resource for immigrants and working families. She completed 335 hours in 2015, and spent much of that time tutoring grade school children. She participated in dance at high school, and also spent time supervising classes at Morristown Neighborhood House. She plans to study Communications or Journalism at college, and continue volunteering in the community.

Luis Paez, Bayonne Housing Authority -



Luis participated in the high school newspaper working his way up to sports editor, the Italian club, and the Academic Challenge Team while maintaining a 3.7 GPA in school. He was also inducted into the National Language Honor Society for Italian. He has volunteered his time in events to raise money for St. Jude, and has also been employed in the maintenance department for the Housing Authority. Luis will be studying at Rutgers University in the fall.

Omar Muhajer, Passaic County Public Housing Agency –



Omar kept up a 3.2 GPA while participating in band, French Club, and soccer. He was also in French Honors and U.S. History Honors, and was named “Student of the Marking Period”. He has been active in the Circassian Benevolent Association assisting with family affairs and children’s events, and has a special interest in world cultures. He plans on pursuing his dream of becoming a dentist at Montclair State University.

Appolonia Ezeanii, Passaic County Public Housing Agency -



Appolonia is currently enrolled in the Agency’s Family Self Sufficiency Program. She is attending William Paterson University full time with an anticipated graduation date of May 2018. Appolonia is focused on graduating with a degree in Criminology and a minor in health studies. As a single mother, she plans on becoming self-sufficient and providing stability for her son. Her goal is to work with victims of domestic violence and to create awareness of its existence in the community.