

“Giving up is not an option. I will push myself to success and in five years I will be singing about how life is sweet!”

Nyoka Ackley

“I am going to be a successful woman. One who built a stable ground for her son out of scratch with her own two hands. This long journey isn’t just for me, it is for my little angel as well. I will be completely honest, without him I would have been nothing. Without my teacher, Suzan I wouldn’t have made it as far as I did. With my angel, who gave me the gift of ambition, and the many people who believe in me, I can topple any obstacle in my way.”

Chelsea Barry

“..I will choose to continue going forward in life no matter how difficult it is. For no matter how many moments of sadness there are in life, there is certain to be just as many happy moments waiting around the corner.”

Jason Gendron

“Before OFY I had no direction, no goals, or any dreams for myself. I let others influence and dominate the way I thought and acted. College was something that never crossed my mind. I only focused on what was happening at the moment and was never looking forward to my future. My failure in a traditional school has grown into success, knowledge, and hope.

Attending a school with an independent form of learning has helped me to grow and mature as a person without the influences of other students to sway my thought of mind. I feel that I would never have gained the knowledge I know now, or have become the person I am if it was not for my schooling. For the first time I found myself not only gaining knowledge that I never did while I was in a traditional high school, but I really started to enjoy what I began to learn.”

Kaitilin Roots

“With my dream in my heart and my head held high I know I will achieve. This is all because I believed in me.”

William Cramer

“Every day I wake up believing in myself.”

Daniel Valencia

“My teacher at Options was very supportive from the beginning. I started working even harder on my packets because I wanted to continue to make her proud. After my first A, I got A’s on all my other packets. I was so excited for the first time in my life because I knew I was smart. Before Options I knew I would never go to college because I didn’t think I was smart enough, but seeing how I succeeded at Options I am very excited to apply to AMDA, the college of my dreams. I know I will succeed in school....I have never been proud of myself because I always saw myself as a failure. But now that I finished Options I can honestly say I am proud of myself. All I needed was some self confidence and supporters.”

Alexandra Nehls

“If I can accomplish a big goal to get my high school diploma, anyone can. All it takes is to believe in yourself that you can do something then you do pretty much anything you wanted. I am so thankful for the support that Options for Youth has done for me.”

David Fowler

“Overall, I feel very fortunate to have been able to get my diploma, through all the obstacles that came my way. And now thanks to Options, I could pursue my dream of becoming a registered nurse. My plans for the future are to attend college in the fall, get my associate in science, and then pursue my nursing degree”

Brenda Olmos