True Up Honors Students, Graduates for Educational Achievements

True Up has honored 35 foster youth and alums who have reached educational milestones for the 2012-2013 school year. The proud and accomplished group included 29 young people who are now high school graduates.

Three of the high school grads earned their degrees in impressive fashion, making the Honor Roll. Two other students were also recognized for their achievements in the classroom and making the A/B Honor Roll. Four young adults were recognized for their success at college.

Education is the cornerstone of True Up, an initiative that's empowering young people in foster care to gain the critical life skills they need to make a successful transition from a structured environment to self-sufficiency in our communities.

True Up Founder and Chairman Frank Harshaw said, "This is the beginning of the journey, not the end." Harshaw reminded the students that learning experiences should continue throughout their lives. When life is a continuing classroom, people are armed with the tools to find more goals within their reach.





The idea of lifelong learning is evident in Harshaw's motto that "education is the force to move people from poverty to prosperity." That message is being heard by these remarkable young people and is propelling them on their paths to success.

The 35 teens and young adults were recognized at a May 16 celebration at the Green Building Gallery on East Market Street. True Up board members, True Up Champions, and other community stakeholders attended the ceremony.

The following is a list of foster youth and alums who received educational awards:

Educational Achievement Awards 2013 Recipients

High School Graduates:

Aubrey R. Cody D. Joseph B. Shelby C. Audrey D. Courtney B. Joshua D. Tonisha W. Daniel G. Austin M. Katherine U. Tyler C. Breanna C. Elijah D. Kelly B. Tymisha S. Keneshia W. Zachary C. Breona U. Eltuan D.

Catherine M. Felicia P. Olivia M. Cheyenne S. Jeffrey N. Sam S.

Clayton K. Jesse B. Samantha B.

A/B Honor Roll:

Cameron G.

Cody D.

Jonah L.

Joshua D.

Zachary C.

College Recognition:

Christopher H.

Kyle T.

Miquel Y.

Monica G.

