Taylor Bishop is a senior at Hutchinson High School and one of the first Hutchinson students served by the Upward Bound Math Science program (UBMS). She is a three year student in the program and will graduate from high school in 2016.

Taylor, at first glance, is seemingly shy and without opinion. It doesn’t take long to learn that while she is shy, she is full of well-researched and diverse opinions, which she will share with those willing to listen. Taylor is a budding scholar with a quiet intelligence that can be halting.

Recently named a Questbridge scholar, Taylor received a full scholarship to attend Notre Dame University where she will begin her quest to become a doctor of internal medicine. Taylor is motivated, in part, by experiences that she has shared with her family involving her sister and a recently diagnosed illness. Her desire to help others is coupled with a desire to focus her efforts on indigent populations and those without the financial wherewithal to cover the costs of major medical events.

Taylor is proud of her family and all that they have weathered together. She leans on her family for support and looks to them for guidance. She was pleased when her family grew to include the UBMS family. Her extended support group has watched her successfully navigate the International Baccalaureate program, National Honor Society and now UBMS. The staff looks forward to her continued success.

Phillip Pettis participated in the McNair Scholars Program from 2006 to 2009. He is one example of the TRIO pipeline, where students move from precollege to college TRIO programs.

As a high school student, Phillip was involved in Upward Bound Math Science. After graduating from high school, he was awarded a scholarship and decided to attend Wichita State. Phillip joined the McNair program after realizing his desire to pursue a doctoral degree. He earned his undergraduate degree in psychology in 2009.

Phillip discovered what he loved through his experiences with McNair. “They make you a researcher,” he said during the McNair alumni panel in May 2014. He completed three McNair research projects under Rhonda K. Lewis, Ph.D. involving gay male body image and sexuality. He won first place for his research presentation at the Eighth Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum at Wichita State in 2008.

Giving back to TRIO and the community is something that is important to Phillip. He participated in the McNair alumni panels in 2014 and 2015, where he shared his experiences with current McNair students. He also served as a hero for the Real Men Real Heroes Project from 2007 to 2009.

Phillip earned a Master’s of Social Work degree from Wichita State in 2011. In fall 2015, he began the sociology doctoral program at Vanderbilt University where he received a teaching assistantship.