Steven Robertson is a three-year participant in the TRIO Upward Bound Math Science Program and a junior at Sumner Academy in Kansas City, KS. Steven’s participation in UBMS began as a rising ninth grader. The second of three children, Stephen has many career interests. Engineering, politics, criminal justice, and law are all options for this young man who plans to attend West Point Naval Academy. His current dream job is to be the director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Steven was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and will undoubtedly earn many other awards as he completes his high school career. Steven is a very involved UBMS student. He is a strong leader for the summer program and has served on the Student Judicial Board and several other summer committees. In addition to his summer leadership, Steven is very involved in the social-cultural aspects of UBMS. He enjoys playing the guitar, writing songs and reading.

Academic acumen, leadership skills and strong work ethic are all words that aptly describe Steven Robertson. It won’t be long before high school and college graduate are added to his list of descriptors.

A North High School senior, Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard is the 2015 TRIO Day student achiever for TRIO Communication Upward Bound (CUB). Aleeya has had a fascination with photography since middle school. Besides school activities with the hip hop team and National Honor Society, Aleeya works as an apprentice photographer for a professional photographer, The Pictureman.

Aleeya says, “There are many different types of photos. My favorite type is the more artistic picture that creates a mood and contains vibrant colors everyone can relate to. I love taking pictures of nature, mainly animals, plants and the land.

“My second favorite is people. Most of what I do as an intern is capture memories. This form of photography is much more sentimental to the clients we have. I enjoy capturing their moments of happiness.”

Aleeya was also a contestant in the 2015 Fashionetta pageant sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She has been accepted at two Kansas universities and plans on pursuing her photography interests along with architecture and interior design. Aleeya thanks her grandmother for her leadership in getting the photography internship set up and encouraging her to follow her dreams.