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**Class of 2023**

**Q: Tell us a little about yourself:**

**A:** I am an 18 year old African American girl from Nairobi, Kenya, who is a high school senior at Whites Creek High. I am a person who has big dreams and likes to help people.

**Q: What do you plan to do after graduating from high school?**

**A:** I plan on going to a 4 year university to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

**Q: What accomplishment are you most proud of at this point in your life?**

**A:** An accomplishment that I am proud of at this point in my life is being able to be financially stable enough to purchase things that I want, but also entering the work force at a young age. Another accomplishment is making it thus far into my education journey and being able to graduate in May. I am also proud of how I have made it amongst the top three in the senior class of 2023.

**Q: What impact did GEAR UP TN or your GEAR UP TN site coordinator have on you?**

**A:** The impact GEAR UP TN has had on me is pushing me to think more about my future and my life after high school.

**Q: Of all the activities and services GEAR UP TN provided, what was the most meaningful/helpful for you?**

**A:** The most helpful service was being able to be in contact with Gear Up since my junior year of high school. I feel like because I have known about them for so long, its helped me with making post-secondary decisions.

**Q: What advice would you give a current high school junior or senior?**

**A:** I would tell them to be patient with themselves and if they believe they can do it then they can make it happen.