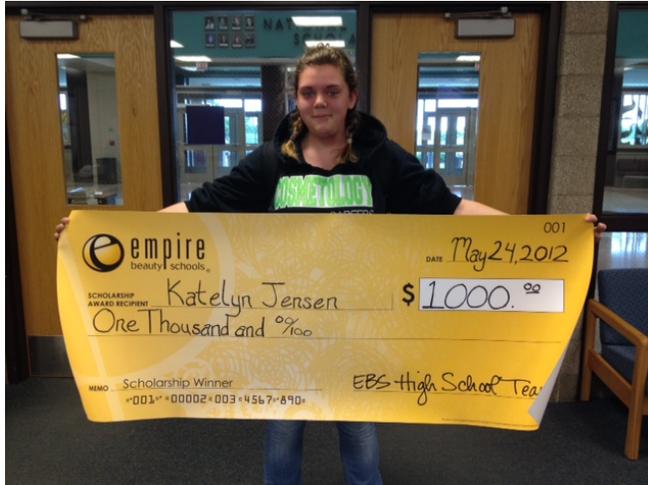

MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: KATELYNN

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KATELYNN

Buffalo High School youth thrives with help of her “team”



Katelynn attended CMJTS Camps to Careers Healthcare Camp in 2011. At the camp she learned about healthcare careers, was trained in basic first aid, and certified in CPR. During her senior year at Buffalo High School, Katelynn received support and career guidance for her post-secondary education plans from Bridget, CMJTS youth employment specialist, working in coordination with Katelynn’s teachers, case manager, and IEP team. Katelynn applied to

Empire Beauty School to realize her dream of becoming a cosmetologist. She received a \$1,000 scholarship from Empire College towards her tuition. Katelynn stated she is amazed how many people helped her and that she “can’t wait to go to college”.

The following is an excerpt from an email that Bridget received from Buffalo High School in reference to the team approach that enabled Katelynn to achieve her goals.

“I would like to express my heartfelt, sincere appreciation for everything all of you have done to help support my student, Katelynn. She is a super young lady who has continued to grow with the help of all of you. Although she isn't always good at expressing her feelings when she appreciates something, I know she was truly overwhelmed by the scholarship award yesterday and especially having all the people who support and care about her there to witness it... Katelynn is an example of a student who needed support, got the necessary support, and learned that people really care if a student does well or not...Thanks to all of you for the MANY things you have done to help Katelynn. You all are the reason this place is great for our kids!”