

Profiles in Leadership

Finds her Voice in a Crowd

Brittany Knight



In January of 2007, Brittany Knight made a choice to be involved with her community. She was introduced to Hope Street Youth Development by a friend of hers, but made the choice for herself to stay active. Through the academics program Brittany has participated in college visits and in the summer jobs program. Brittany has applied herself and taken advantage of nearly every opportunity Hope Street has to offer; she has one of the most outstanding track records of involvement at Hope Street.

She has also been attending the Youth Empowerment Group nearly every Wednesday since she started coming to Hope Street. Brittany says that group, "Teaches you a lot." Ms. Knight went to Washington D.C. to receive a Hip Starz training. This is a training that teaches young people how to de-escalate potentially dangerous or violent situations in their schools. Brittany has also been a huge link to starting the new Students United chapter at Northwest High School. "If you are always talking about change, it will help you make change," said the sophomore. That is exactly what Brittany is doing. Through Students United Brittany has met with several members of the community to build support for the student's taser campaign. Brittany says that she is no longer shy and that she has learned how to speak up for what she believes in. Brittany said that when she's graduated from Hope Street, she still wants to be involved in, "Teaching things I learned at Hope Street, how not to be shy, and how to speak for what is right."



From the Director

The greatest testament to the power of Hope Street Youth Development is in the lives of young people that are changed everyday.

This series contains a mixture of current students and graduates of Hope Street.

We provide these stories because we know that the work of youth development is not abstract philosophy but instead personal, intensive work with real people. These are their stories.

We measure our success by the difference we make in the lives of individual students because it's the only true measure of leadership development.

I hope these stories will help you believe in the work of Hope Street as much as I do and that you will consider joining us as we make a difference by changing lives.

Aaron Fowler
Executive Director



The mission of Hope Street Youth Development is to provide opportunities for youth to build power and reach their full potential so they may think for themselves, speak for themselves and act in their community.

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