

Obstacles I've Overcome

My name is Paris Johnson I am 17 years old was born on May 30, 2000 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a teenager I have faced many problems just in my four years of highschool, it goes from losing my sister to not being able, and to making decision the correct way. When I was 15 years old I was at SUNO for a summer program my aunt and my mother began to call back to back as I was in class, I then stepped out of the class to call my mother back as I was calling her back my aunt began to call again I then clicked over the line and asked "why you keep calling me like this?" she came out to say "your sister is dead". From this point on I was speechless who wants to get a call hearing that their 16 year old sister someone you spent half of your life with is now gone. I tell you this to say that I didn't let the death of my sister break me and slow me down I used it as an encouragement to motivate me to keep me going. I want to finish strong for her because she couldn't for herself.

On May 25, 2018 I will be walking across the stage receiving my diploma from George Washington Carver High School. As a senior in high school I've overcome many obstacles such as not being able, not being able to meet all of the requirements of the schools of my choice, of not being able to maintain my time, and not being able to focus. When it came time for me to apply to universities I was afraid because I was afraid of rejection and not being good enough. I continued to stress but, once I learned to manage my time and maintain focus I was able. I was able to be accepted into Universities, places I knew nothing of. I say all this to say that not

everybody is given opportunities you have to want it and work for it enough to be able, able to move forward in life and succeed. I didn't let anything stop me or it motivated me to make better choices and decisions in life.