

EOPS - NextUp/Guardian Scholars

Leandra Harris

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Leandra has experienced the foster care system, spending most of her youth in care herself. As an adult, she has taken on significant caregiving responsibilities, including becoming the primary caregiver for her permanently disabled sister and supporting extended family members impacted by the system. Despite these demands and academic challenges, she has shown resilience and determination in pursuing her education. Leandra is now making strong progress toward earning her degree and transferring, while also serving in a leadership role with Freedom for Youth. A fierce advocate for individuals impacted by foster care and the justice system, she continues to grow as both a student and a leader.