

Outstanding Youth President's Award

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SANDRA GABRIEL

*Nominated by
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County
&
Fort Pierce Central High School*



Sandra Gabriel is a very inspirational 18-year old student who has overcome a challenging childhood with dignity and grace. Sandra touches the lives of all who are fortunate to encounter her and share time with her, as teachers, employers, peers, and mentors, thus proving to be a source of constant motivation and learning for those individuals.

Sandra could easily have become a resentful young person given the challenging and unsupportive environment that she has had to reside in from a pre-teen adolescent to the present day. She could have used her unfortunate circumstances and the obstacles she endured to make excuses for irrational behavior. Instead, she used those challenges in her everyday life as opportunities to LEARN and fuel her strength and grow. She vowed to never treat or make another individual feel like less of a person (as she was treated), and to ALWAYS treat people with respect and dignity. Sandra lives and practices the Golden Rule... "Do unto others..."

She motivates the less fortunate and downtrodden youth in her community to always keep trying and remain positive, no matter what!

Sandra Gabriel epitomizes the capacity of the human heart and the resilience of human beings!



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