

And the Congressional Award goes to NAS ALUMNUS Zenani Johnson



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Tallahassee- Congresswoman Gwen Graham presents Zenani D. Johnson with Congressional Award Silver Medal

Tallahassee – Tallahassee resident, Zenani D. Johnson was presented the Congressional Award Silver Medal by Congresswoman Gwen Graham on yesterday.

“I was thrilled to be honored by Congresswoman Graham. I challenged myself for nearly three years to earn the award and it really paid off in a really big way. I strongly encourage others to work towards earning the award. I promise that it’s an experience that you will not soon forget.” said Zenani Johnson, who is a first year student at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Zenani logged over nine hundred hours of activity across the span of thirty-three months. Additionally, Ms. Johnson accrued over four hours of Voluntary Public Service through her high school Student Government Association and the COPE Coalition, which also earned her a Bronze medal. The bulk of her volunteerism was spent advancing health education initiatives through the COPE Coalition’s Youth Health Leadership.

Ms. Johnson is a 2016 graduate of James S. Rickards High School and most notably recognized for her Teens and the Law Initiative. She was recognized as a Tallahassee Democrat-Young Woman to Watch and selected as the 2016 Spirit of the Best & Brightest Winner. She currently volunteers with her school’s student government as a Freshman Committee Member. She is working towards a degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

About the Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress’ award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14 to 23 year-olds. Young people may register when they turn 13 1/2 years old and must complete their activities before their 24th birthday. Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

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