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Syracuse Housing Authority Resident Awarded Prestigious Full-Ride Scholarship to Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY – June 27, 2025 – The Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) is proud to announce that Niala Dixon, a resident of Central Village and graduating senior from Nottingham High School, has been awarded the prestigious Co-Generation Steam Plant Scholarship to attend Syracuse University beginning Fall 2025.

This full scholarship, covering tuition, housing, meal plans, fees, and books for four years, is valued at more than \$350,000, making it one of the most substantial educational opportunities available to SHA residents.

Niala, who plans to pursue a law degree and become an attorney, has distinguished herself both academically and in the community. She has maintained high honor roll status, served as a team captain for Nottingham's girls' basketball team, leading them to their first Sectional Championship in 20 years, and actively participated in cheerleading and track. Outside of school, Niala has volunteered with local schools, the Dunbar Center, and Goodwill, demonstrating a deep commitment to giving back to her community.

"Niala represents everything this scholarship was meant to support – academic excellence, leadership, and service to others," said William Simmons, Executive Director of the Syracuse Housing Authority. "We are incredibly proud of her achievements and excited to see all that she will accomplish at Syracuse University and beyond."





Since its inception in 1988, the Co-Generation Steam Plant Scholarship has opened doors for dozens of SHA youth to pursue higher education at Syracuse University. Niala Dixon is believed to be the 34th recipient since 1994, continuing a long-standing tradition of investing in future leaders. The scholarship allows up to four students to hold the award concurrently, supporting their undergraduate studies in full.

For more information about SHA programs supporting youth and education, visit:
<https://syracusehousing.org/residents/scholarships/>

