

# Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP



**Jessica Wingfield**



**Brianna**

**Jessica Wingfield** attended Hutchinson High School. Her parents were unable to provide a stable home. When she was just two years old, her grandparents took temporary custody of the children. During her junior year, her grandfather took her to a seminar at Kansas State University. It wasn't until then that Jessica had seriously thought about going to college. The next year she applied and was accepted at K-State.

Jessica remembers being excited but also worried about the costs. One day she noticed flyers around her high school for Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (KKGU) and decided to apply for their scholarship. Because of KKGU, not only did she get to attend college, but was also able to accept a position in the School of Nursing at The University of Kansas (KU). She received a Bachelor's of Science in nursing from KU in 2014 and is now an intensive care RN at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City.

**Brianna** has been a student in Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP for four years. She participated in community service, campus visits, cultural events, ACT boot camp and student leadership conferences. She is a senior at Nickerson High School. She has overcome many barriers and states that even though money is a struggle, she is thankful and appreciative that her grandmother took her in.

Brianna participated in softball and has a GPA of 3.71. She is a certified nursing assistant and would like to go to college to be an EMT and paramedic. Brianna is looking to start at Hutchinson Community College then transfer to Kansas State University.

She would love to do a mission trip to Africa. Brianna enjoys watching and spending time with little kids, reading, listening to music, playing and watching basketball and soccer and being with friends.