

# Communication Upward Bound

*Outstanding  
Alum*



**Kristen Stinnett**

*Rising  
Star*



**Marissa Mullen**

**Kristen Stinnett** is a Wichita native and graduated from Wichita West High School in 2014. Kristen was active in Communication Upward Bound (CUB) for two years. “Communication Upward Bound helped me to develop and sharpen my communication skills. I knew those skills would help me with future opportunities in college and beyond.”

Kristen obtained her bachelor’s degree in legal studies and she immediately enrolled in Washburn Law School where she is pursuing a juris doctorate. After graduation, she looks forward to establishing her practice in criminal or family law, with sights to advance as a prosecutor and then as a district attorney. Kristen is actively involved in the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Black Law Student Association.

**Marissa Mullen** is a junior at Wichita South High School. She began her journey with Communication Upward Bound at Wichita State as a rising freshman. For the past three years, it’s been an honor for the Communication Upward Bound staff to witness the blossoming of Marissa as she successfully manages her academic schedule each semester, discovers her authentic voice, and uses her influence to make a difference.

Marissa’s long-term career goals include pediatric medicine. For now, she loves to sing and is involved in choir and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). She is current president of South High School Crime Stoppers. Most recently, she was featured as one of speakers for Speak Up!, a national program designed to build a culture of communication and support recently established at South High. With Marissa’s passion and zeal, the Communication Upward Bound staff are confident the best is yet to come for her!