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## **HACM RESIDENT KATELYN DARBY RECEIVES WAHA SCHOLARSHIP**



HACM is proud to celebrate resident Katelyn Darby, recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities (WAHA). The scholarship, named in honor of former HACM employee Steve Falek, recognizes outstanding students pursuing higher education.

A senior at Central City Cyberschool's Cyber High, Katelyn will attend the University of Wisconsin-Parkside this fall to study Psychology. This scholarship represents more than financial support — it marks the remarkable progress Katelyn has made in overcoming early academic challenges. Once uncertain about her future, she has transformed her educational journey through hard work, perseverance, and the encouragement of family, friends, and HACM's resident services team. Today, she is thriving and determined to build a brighter future for herself and her loved ones.

Katelyn's mother, Sandra Smith, recently achieved her own milestone by graduating from HACM's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, which empowers residents to increase earned income and build financial assets. Together, their accomplishments showcase the power of determination, community support, and the life-changing opportunities available within the HACM community.

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You

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I want to sincerely  
thank the Board for everything  
You all have done to help  
prepare my daughter Katelyn,  
for college. Your guidance,  
encouragement and support  
have made a tremendous  
difference in her journey  
and we are deeply grateful

Because of y'all dedication  
and gifts Katelyn entering  
this next chapter with  
confidence and excitement  
we truly appreciate  
everything

Love Sandra Smith

I want to thank the  
board for being a  
blessing to me and making  
a decision to help with  
my college journey. This  
help really means a lot  
to me and my family,  
I honestly couldn't  
appreciate you guys  
any more. With all of  
this help it keeps me  
motivated because this  
shows me how much  
someone could care.  
Love,

Katelyn Darby