

2018 Graduate Continuing Her Journey



Not everyone reaches destinations the same way. For Kervine Paul, an Albany Housing Authority resident, getting to the WAGE Center started with a spiritual journey. Through her church community, Kervine gathered the strength and self-awareness to realize that her self-esteem was within her control. At church, she met people who encouraged her to come to the WAGE Center to work on her goals.

Kervine says, “It was so important for me to obtain my HSE diploma for my self-esteem.” She continues, “when you’re a child, you are very impressionable to people’s thoughts, actions and words.” It wasn’t until she was a little older and surrounded by supportive people that she was able to see her potential.

“WAGE Center tutoring is way better than any other program. Mr. Bill took his time to take [me] back to elementary days to see where I fell off to build me back up in my academics in all five subjects,” Kervine explains. She also says, “the whole staff is so encouraging, sitting on the side pushing me into potential, going over and beyond more than what the WAGE Center provides.”

Currently, Kervine is attending classes at Hudson Valley Community College with the plan of becoming a Community Health Navigator saying, “only God knows my tomorrow.” She shares a popular adage with various origins as advice for those looking to improve: “Watch your thoughts for they become your words. Watch your words for they become your actions. Watch your actions for they become your habits. Watch your habits for they become your character. Watch your character for it becomes your destiny.”

Acting on her own advice, Kervine is careful about her words and actions and is developing positive study habits. Her character and destiny are developing through her goal achievement and desire to grow. Regarding her drive to self-improvement, Kervine says, “I thank God for giving me the perseverance and directing my life for his glory.”

