

## 2019 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE



### **Tekoa Terry**

Human Services

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**T**ekoa was five when her mother underwent brain surgery to remove a very large tumor. Her mother survived but became heavily addicted to pain killers which rendered her incapable of taking care of Tekoa. She was taken from her mother’s care at the age of thirteen and shortly after became pregnant with her first child. She dropped out of school to care for her son. At seventeen she had her second child and shortly after her mother died from a drug overdose. She got her GED and went to college but soon she got pregnant again and got married. Unfortunately, her marriage ended in divorce. So, she enrolled in San Antonio College and began pursuing her childhood dream of becoming a Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

Last year, she became a missionary for a non-profit Christian organization called Strong Foundation. She helps young ladies who have aged out of foster care and families who are experiencing homelessness. She is blessed to have the opportunity to help underprivileged young ladies like herself get into college and have a chance at a better future. She will graduate this May with honors. Tekoa believes it’s never too late to chase your dreams because with God all things are possible.

