

## Four Cincinnati Arts and Technology Studios students

*receive scholarships in new scholarship program  
from Fifth Third and Fifth Third Foundation*



*Rose Thompson* Rose graduated from Virtual High School. She attended the CATS program for two years, taking advantage of every opportunity she could. Her strong GPA made it possible for her to enroll in dual credit opportunities and she became a part time student at Cincinnati State while still finishing her high school requirements. Rose's determination also led her to enroll in the CATS Bridging the Gap program to prepare for college and career. Rose intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in education at Miami University Middletown.



*Leslie Cason:* Leslie graduated from Aiken High School and attended CATS for one year. A strong relationship with a teacher at Aiken helped Leslie make the journey to success. Through hard work Leslie became eligible for the CATS career pathway program, Bridging the Gap. Leslie has decided to attend college full time this fall rather than start a career immediately. She states that college will be a way for her to further her education and to make something of herself. Leslie intends to major in early childhood education at UC Blue Ash and wants to become a kindergarten teacher.



*Fatoumata Diagouraga:* Fatoumata, a graduate of Withrow High School, has attended the CATS program for two years. She is proud to have earned outstanding grades and attributes her achievements to hard work and persistence. Fatoumata writes that she is committed to taking advantage of opportunities. She is convinced that going to college will benefit her and her parents since she feels she is the future for her family. Fatoumata volunteers by helping elementary students with their school assignments because she believes education is the key to success. This work, she states, allows her to connect her passion for education with her desire to help others. Fatoumata plans to major in health professions and pre-nursing at the University of Cincinnati and is starting her college career at UC Blue Ash.



*David Unthank:* David is a graduate of Carpe Diem Preparatory Academy. During his three years at CATS, his inherent artistic capabilities grew exponentially, and he developed strategies for living that he believes will carry him for the rest of his life. David says he always knew that he wanted to be an artist, diligently experimenting with other career options but always ending up back at his easel with paint on his hands and enchanted by the canvas. Under the guidance of his 2D (two-dimensional art) design instructor at CATS, he nurtured his passion for art and developed what he describes as an insatiable need to make something beautiful. David intends to major in fine arts/painting with a minor in graphic design at University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP), main campus.