

**Delroy Peters**

## *Student Achievement Award*



Delroy Peters emigrated from Guyana to New York City with his family in 2009, shortly after he completed high school. As the only person in his family to graduate from high school, his family depended on him for support. After arriving in the United States, Delroy began searching for jobs in order to provide for his family, but soon discovered that most paid jobs require a college degree, GED, or American high school diploma.

Motivated by this realization, Delroy committed himself to passing the GED exams. In order to prepare for the tests, he frequented libraries and searched online for study materials. However, Delroy struggled to balance his exam preparation with his responsibilities at home, which included assisting his two younger sisters with their homework, helping his older brothers complete job applications, creating resumes for his mother, and working part-time to pay his family's bills. Fortunately, Delroy was introduced to the College Bridge Program, a 13-week course offered by the New York City Department of Education that uses *Overcoming Obstacles* to help high school students build their reading, writing, and math skills in order to pass the GED tests and college entrance exams.

Delroy found the time management, goal setting, and study skills he learned in the program to be invaluable. He learned the importance of setting his academic goals, sharing his goals with his family, and enlisting their help to create a schedule that balanced his family responsibilities with exam preparation. Delroy recognized that the academic goals he set for himself were not only important to his personal success, but also to his family's future financial security.

Delroy successfully passed the GED exams and began applying to colleges. In conjunction with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Community for Education Foundation is proud to honor Delroy for his achievements with a scholarship that will aid him in his studies at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. There, Delroy is studying to become a respiratory technician so he can combine his passion for science with his desire to help others.