



In his junior year of high school **Terrence Thomas** was referred to the Seneca County Runaway/Homeless Youth Program where Coordinator, Annie Mahoney assisted him in establishing his own residency and continuing his high school education.

Deborah McGrimley, Workforce Youth Coordinator, enrolled Terrence in the **Summer Youth Employment Program** after he completed his junior year. She helped him obtain a position at Yaran's Custom Tailoring that addressed his career interest in fashion design. The experience provided Terrence with hands-on training and the opportunity to learn job readiness skills, sewing skills and knowledge of owning a tailoring business.

During his senior year at Waterloo High School, Terrence was enrolled in the Workforce Investment Act Youth Program and began a **Work Experience position** at Huntington Nursing Center in the dietary & nutrition department. Here Terrence was conveniently able to walk to work and learn new skills while maintaining his high school studies.

Terrence **graduated from Waterloo High School** in June of 2010 after overcoming several obstacles. He enrolled at **Genesee Community College** and completed the two year program. During this time, he explored other career interests and in 2012 Terrence **transferred to the University at Buffalo** where he is **pursuing a BA degree in Graphic Design** with a concentration in Communication Design.

In his spare time, Terrence enjoys using his creative abilities, cooking, drawing, and socializing. Terrence has proved that anything is possible if you believe in your dreams. He has matured into a hardworking, responsible and career-focused young man.

A true success story!