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OUR OPINION

## WKU's Fulbright Scholar an example to community

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Growing up, it seemed like Deven Richardson had almost everything working against him.

He grew up in public housing in Bowling Green as the oldest son of a single mother, his father not in the picture due to him being incarcerated when Richardson was just 9 or 10 years old.

But Richardson, now a student at Western Kentucky University's Mahurin Honors College and a recent Fulbright Award winner, didn't dwell on his circumstances. He got to work.

"I decided to just like put in the work, focus on my studies and make sure that I had a way, for lack of a better phrase, to get out of the trap that I was put in," Richardson recently told the Daily News.

After graduating from Bowling Green High School in 2015, he went on to attend WKU. Over time and with help from several mentors at WKU, he grew his interest for Japanese language and culture into a promising future.

Craig Cobane, executive director of the Honors College who regularly mentors its students, describes Richardson as "one of the most coachable young people I have ever met," in a recent Daily News article.

"You give him advice and he is on it," Cobane said.

Through the Honors College, Richardson was first introduced to studying abroad in Japan, an experience he said inspired him to go into foreign service with the dream of becoming a diplomat.

Once he returned from his trip to Japan, Richardson asked advisers in WKU's Office for Scholar Development what he needed to do to become a foreign service officer. They encouraged him to apply for the prestigious Charles B. Rangel International Affairs program, to which he was admitted and spent six weeks in Washington.

Later, he was named a Rangel Fellow – becoming the first student from WKU to participate in the graduate program, which will take him on another internship this summer, this time on Capitol Hill.

We believe Richardson is a role model for several reasons.

First, it's pretty clear he's shown determination. He hasn't let his life circumstances get in the way of his personal success. That's something we can all learn from.

Second, Richardson has shown humility, recognizing that he doesn't have all the answers and reaching out for help when needed. We often like to think our accomplishments are something we've achieved all on our own. In reality, we've all had help and so we all deserve help.

Third, and perhaps most important, Richardson started with a simple interest in Japanese culture and language and was open to where that could lead him. We can all learn from Richardson's willingness to follow that dream, be open to advice from others and work hard to make it a reality.

We believe Richardson put it best: "If you put in the hard work, you can achieve success," he said.

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