KSU Upward Bound Student Zykarius Harshaw has been selected to participate in the Council for Opportunity in Education’s 31st Annual National Student Leadership Congress.

Rockmart High School Junior Zykarius Harshaw from the Kennesaw State University Rockmart-Cedartown Upward Bound Program virtually joined 180 other TRIO high school students at Georgetown University. The virtual mock congress gives students the opportunity to partake in a 7-day intense workshop that covers congressional procedures, leadership training, and virtual cultural events for the 31st Annual National Center for Student Leadership Congress held in June. Harshaw was selected over 3,000 other deserving TRIO high school students to participate in this prestigious event.

"Zy" has been a part of KSU TRIO Programs since 2017. Since then, Zy has taken advantage of all KSU TRIO has to offer, and he has grown in leaps and bounds. Zy is a wonderful example among KSU TRIO students who have continued to better their lives and communities through education. Throughout his participation in our program, Zy was selected to participate in the KSU ACT Boot Camp and dedicated his every Saturday for 9 weeks to prepping for the ACT. He did not miss one session, and he achieved a 21 ACT score on his first test. Zy is a dual enrollment student with a 4.00 GPA. Each year he has been part of our program he has attended 100% of the program activities. He is a student leader who pushes the other students around him to do better, helps them with their coursework, and always motivates them to do their best.

Zy is a shining example of the students KSU TRIO aims to produce—motivated, eager to learn, and always willing to help those around him. We congratulate him on this accomplishment, and we thank him for earning distinction among his peers!