

## Jagua O'Neil Receives the Fall 2018 Finish Line Scholarship

Jagua O'Neil of Austin, Texas, is one of two students who have received the Fall 2018 Finish Line Scholarship offered by the nonprofit [National American University Foundation](#). Jagua is pursuing her Master's degree in management.



The *Finish Line Scholarship* is sponsored by alumnus, Adam Borton, and his wife, Tricia. The scholarship opportunity is offered to long-time students who are now approaching graduation. Applicants are challenged to share in an essay how they have overcome three obstacles on their path to completing their degrees.

Jagua has also faced her share of obstacles on her path toward earning a degree. In 2010, while pursuing her master's degree, she was providing a home for two relatives, including a drug-addicted sibling, was dealing with a hostile work environment, and did not have the finances to fix a broken laptop.

"It was too much at that time," said Jagua. "I dropped out and walked away defeated, but never lost that inner desire to better my life with higher education."

In 2017, she was determined to complete her education, even though life remained challenging. She was caring for her two young great nephews and experienced some health challenges, but she is on track to graduate.

"For 35 years I have looked after other people, taken care of other people, put their needs before mine, and I finally decided that I am important and valuable and I deserve to accomplish my goal for me."

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