

**2017-2018: Makannah Bristow**

**Makannah Bristow**, co-recipient for 2017-2018, is from Greensboro, N.C. She studied Astrophysics at UNC-Asheville, where she also served as a docent at Lookout Observatory. After her year on the scholarship, Makannah received a summer appointment at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, where she was involved in exo-planet research. Using a NASA telescope, Makannah discovered a new world that is located in the habitable zone of a star 226 light years away in the constellation Taurus.