ALEXA JO PALMER

Alexa received this award after completing her senior year at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls’ High School in Philadelphia. She was a very active student, serving as the editor for her school yearbook and the vice president of student council. She was also a dancer. Two years ago, Alexa Jo was diagnosed with a painful bowel disease called Ulcerative Colitis. Instead of giving up or feeling embarrassed, Alexa gained a new sense of purpose. She became so active in raising funds and awareness for this cause that she was honored by the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America in 2016. She has also decided to become a nurse to help others who are living with the disease.