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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Teyona Hughes



Teyona Huges is a fifth-grade honor roll student of the Claremont Neighborhood School, PS 314. She is a very active student and as if the year's curriculum is not enough, she has been a part of her school's summer enrichment programs. Last summer, she was a part of her school's robotic program. Here at Bronx Church, she is much more involved. Ask her to participate and she is always ready, whether it is to pray, tell the children's, story, usher in church, lead song service, collect offering during Ay or render special music. She is a part of the Bronx Golden Envoys Adventurer club and was voted 3rd Place as "Adventurer of the Year" by the North Eastern Conference Youth Department. She performed outstandingly in the North Eastern Conference Festival of Young Preachers in 2017. She is also a part of our Bible Bowl team and has played up to national level. In her community she is involved in community activities through her Girl Scout Troop 1355. Her favorite Her favorite song is "Peace in Christ," and her favorite Bible verse is Luke 1:49, "The mighty one had done great things for me. Holy is his name."

Aaden Johnson



Aaden attends an Independent institution located in Westchester NY. He shows compassion and is active in both his school and in the community. Aaden participates in many projects to help his community. The most recent being a weight loss challenge he hosted Summer 2019 as a Community Health Ambassador with Mentoring in Medicine (a program assisting minority children in the medical field). The challenge was successful. Participants requested another six week round which Aaden did not oblige to host.

Annually, he engages in preparing care packages for the immigrant community of Stamford, CT. As a contribution to Aaden's spiritual life, he willingly participated in the Northeastern Conference Compassion Project Rhode Island NY, by ministering to the Rhode Island Police department. He was a member of the Bronx Golden Ambassador for the past three years. Aaden does not hesitate to assist in community projects and takes initiative by being a leader at school.

Aaden most recent academic accomplishments include awards for Math and Creative Expression from Fordham University Summer Science Technology Engineering and Math program (STEM). He was also recognized by his school (Fall 2019) for his outstanding performance in Spanish for students who have no outside classroom experience. Aaden was a recent cast member of his schools production/play and enjoys acting and singing, and was recognized for his outstanding performance.

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Andrew Coulibaly



Andrew is on the honor roll and received first honors. He received a \$1000.00 scholarship towards tuition for academically gifted students. He is one of the homeroom senators. Extra-curricular activities include: member of the varsity lacrosse team., a STAR (students that represent Spellman)and the robotics club.

Nyoka Richards



I am the Recording Secretary for The Association of Black Psychologists, at Temple, and I am the Director of Corporate Relations for the Fashion and Business Club, I am a member of the Student Organization of Caribbean Awareness, and was a mentor for them last semester and also in their pageant as Miss St. Maarten, and this semester I was a model for PUMP Models which stands for perfectly unique modeling production, and this semester I got a 4.0 GPA!!! So an A in all of my classes!!! So happy and thank you so much for your constant support!!!

TIPS FOR PARENTS

WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN LIKE THEMSELVES

- **Reward children.** Give praise, recognition, a special privilege or increased responsibility for a job well done. Emphasize the good things they do, not the bad.
- **Take their ideas, emotions and feelings seriously.** Don't belittle them by saying, "You'll grow out of it" or "It's not as bad as you think".
- **Define limits and rules clearly and enforce them.** But do allow leeway for your children within these limits.
- Be a good role model. Let your children know that you feel good about yourself. Also let them see that you too can make mistakes and can learn from them.
- **Teach your children how to deal with time and money.** Help them spend time wisely and budget their money carefully.
- **Have reasonable expectations for your children.** Help them to set reachable goals so they can achieve success.
- **Spend time together.** Share favorite Bible stories.
- **Discuss problems without placing blames or commenting on a child's character.** If children know that there is a problem but don't feel attacked, they are more likely to help look for a solution.
- **Show how much you care about them.** Hug them. Tell them they are terrific and that God loves them.
- **Be available.** Give support when children need it.

RESOURCES

SWIMMING LESSONS

<https://bronxhouse.org>

<https://www.nycgovparks.org>

<https://www.safesplash.com>

<https://ymcany.org>

MUSIC LESSONS

<https://shakerattleandrollmusic.com>

www.bronxconservatory.org

<https://bronxhouse.org>

529 College Plan

The cost of higher education is increasing, as well as the debt of students and parents due to college loans.

Enroll your child in a college savings plan that can help you save on tuition and open the door for your loved one's financial freedom without the drudgery of student loan debt.

Parents

Save on taxes—and lower the cost of college

With the Direct Plan, you benefit from tax-deferred earnings as well as tax-free withdrawals for qualified higher education expenses.* Since you're paying less in taxes, you can save more, which lowers the total cost of college.

If you're a New York State taxpayer, you can also deduct contributions on your state income tax return.**

Choose any eligible school

Your child can attend any eligible higher-education institution, a 4-year college or university, vocational and trade schools, community college, and graduate school.

Decrease financial aid impact

a 529 plan account is generally considered part of the parents' assets, not the child's so it will have much less impact when it comes to financial aid eligibility.

Change your beneficiary if needed

If your child doesn't use the money in the account, you can choose an eligible family member, such as one of your other children, or even yourself, to be the beneficiary without paying a penalty.

Grandparents

Grandparents can also contribute to their grandchildren's education through the 529 Plan

You can help reduce your family's future debt by saving for your grandchild's higher education now.

Family & friends can also give a special child in your life a chance for a brighter future by helping him or her save for college.

Please visit <https://www.nysaves.org>

BEST APPS FOR KIDS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

(0 months – 5 years)

Funbrain Jr.
Breathe, Think, Do With Sesai
The Wheels on the Bus
Fish School
Todo Math
Scratch Jr.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

(6 years – 11 years)

Pizza Fractions 1
NASA Visualization Explorer
Middle School Math Planet
Vocabulary Spelling City
Todo Math
Scratch Jr.
Thinking Blocks Multiplication
Awesome Eats
Duolingo

SECONDARY EDUCATION

(12 years – 17 years)

Science360
Middle School Math Planet
Duolingo
SAT Word Slam Free
Photomath

Resources for Students

FREE Afterschool Programs at the New York Public Library <https://www.nypl.org/>

[Enrichment Zones](#) | Afterschool Enrichment for Grades 1–8

[Literacy Leaders](#) | Reading Help for Grades 1–2

[Literacy Leaders](#) | Teen Apprenticeship Program

The application period for the 2020–21 year

*will reopen in May 2020**

HOMEWORK HELP

Dial-A-Teacher: 212 777-3380

Call Monday – Thursday

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

NYC Education Website

The **Growing Up NYC** website offers information on programs, resources, and activities for children throughout the city from birth to 24 years.

www.growingupnyc.cityofnewyork.us

If you have suggestions for the next issue or have suggestions in general, please contact one of the team members listed below.

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