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EHS November 2024 Senior Spotlight: Meet Olamide Adekoya



What are your “Hopes and Dreams” for your senior year?

I just want to be happy—in spite of the stress of college applications, grades, responsibilities, etc.

The Thanksgiving holiday is approaching at the end of the month. What are you thankful for?

I am thankful to the many that have shaped me into who I am today, but most especially, I’m thankful for God. Looking back at the past year, His name alone is self-explanatory.

What is your advice for the incoming freshmen class for a successful and rewarding high school experience?

Experience. One thing I regret is going home straight after school in my freshman year instead of hanging out with friends or joining activities. Don’t let the fear of rejection stop you; trust me, I was just like you last year when I was new to Ewing High School.

What is your favorite subject?

Math, but I’m currently taking Calculus, so I’ll have to say History.

Who is your favorite teacher or coach and why?

Fortunately, I simply can’t choose between Mr. Burley, Mrs. Sipe, and Mr. Hammer; I genuinely can’t overstate just how much they’ve helped in my transition to the school.

What activities do you participate in school?

I’m a co-president of the Student Council and one of the Board of Education Student Representatives. I am also a member of the EHS National Honor Society, Key Club, EHS Newspaper, Coffee for the Soul, and Yearbook Club.

What activities do you participate in outside of school?

I work for the Grassroot Democrats HQ to mobilize youths for the November 5th election. I am also a part of the Youth Coalition of Mercer County, and the Teen Advisory Board of Mercer County Library System (MCLS). I volunteer as a



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tutor for Schoolhouse.world. I am also a phone banker for Andy Kim's and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) campaigns.

What awards or acknowledgments have you received in school or outside of school?

I have had the honor to receive the National African American Recognition Award, #1 Winner of the Newark Public Library (NPL) contest, one of the students published in Ramapo College's 'The Helpers' Collection, certificates from Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS), Stevens Dual Enrollment and WEB Dubois Accelerated Academy.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Predictably, getting into the Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) program is probably the greatest accomplishment and proudest moment I have experienced. Getting a chance to have conversations with Yale professors in a room full of the world's greatest and youngest minds was an unbelievable experience.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date?

One of my favorite memories was taking the train to New York with my friend during a Sadie Nash-sponsored trip to discuss the effects of the Prison Industrial Complex on minority youth. Exploring Wonderland Dreams while having conversations about real, serious issues was quite fun! I also remember December 19th, of last year when I received two acceptance letters simultaneously.

Who or what has impacted your life in a positive way?

Coffee for the Soul, EHS' student-led Bible Study, has recently become an important aspect of my spiritual life. Along with the guidance of my family, I've been able to grow as a person and a Christian as a result.

How do you define success?

Success is when I'm able to binge-read webtoons satisfied, knowing that the past months of only working hard, whether or not it ends with an acceptance letter, was worth it.

What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School?

I plan to attend a four-year college with a double major in international studies and political science, and possibly, return to my math roots, and minor in economics.

What is your favorite quote or book?

While wallowing in regret during the summer, I came across this quote on reddit: "The only thing required to ensure a bright future is to abandon all hope of a better past". I hope it helps you move forward, just as it did for me.

If you had one thing you could do over again in high school, what would that be?

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