

G-UNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



DAMIAN VINCENT GEORGE

“I’ve been given this opportunity and I have no choice but to succeed. I’d like to be a doctor. It’s going to be a struggle because I’m no genius, but I’m very determined to complete my education.”

Arriving in America from Trinidad at age 12, Damian was plunged into middle school in St. Albans, Queens, into a new culture and with no friends. One of six children, he is thrilled to have a scholarship to help his family, especially his Dad who is working three jobs to keep the family together.

“I am the first male in my family to go to college. I need to do this for them and for me.”

His role model is his grandmother who had thirteen children and raised them mostly alone. She lives in Trinidad, but is coming this summer to New York for a visit. The whole family is looking forward to her arrival.

“She speaks up for what she believes in,” says Damian. “That’s why I respect her and follow her lead.”

In his spare time, Damian “is the greatest cricket player in the world,” his friends say. It’s a passion he brought with him from Trinidad. Once he finishes his liberal arts studies at Queensborough, he will transfer to a four-year university – his dream is Penn State!

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