SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

SSANYU LUKOMA

Ssanyu Lukoma is the Founder and Executive Director of her nonprofit organization , Brown Kids Read , which motivates children to read books . She is also the author of the children 's book , Suubi 's Sunny Smile . She is also an active member of her church community , the Cathedral International Church in Perth Amboy , NJ . She has been the President of the Cathedral International Teen Ministry , the Teen Choir , and the Teen Leader of the Cathedral International Dance Ministry for several years . She is also a member of Rays of Hope , Inc ., a youth -led nonprofit community service organization that promotes leadership through participation in community service projects . In her local community , Ssanyu is also a Junior Broadcaster with KIDS HuB Media Network.

Ssanyu has been a member of the Perth Amboy Chapter of the New Jersey Orators since 2015 . She has presented in every oratorical category and has received numerous medals of Excellent for her presentations by NJO Judges at annual NJO competitions . As a New Jersey Orator , Ssanyu has been asked to speak at various community engagements at her church and local organizations . As a dedicated Orator , Ssanyu has demonstrated her oratorical skills at annual Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth poetry presentations at loal community events . Because of her public speaking and oratorical accomplishments , Ssanyu was nominated by her coaches as an "Experienced Orator".

As a graduating senior from the Homeschool /Sacred HEART Academy Co-Op . Ssanyu is active in varsity basketball while maintaining a 3.93 GPA . She utilized her oratorical and leadership skills when participating in the Miss HBCU Contest to win the crown of Miss HBCU representing Howard University.

In the fall , Ssanyu will be attending Howard University and will be majoring in Broadcast Journalism and Minoring in Political Science.

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COLIN CHESTER

Colin Chester is a very active and committed member in his local community as well as his church community, the Cathedral International Church, in Perth Amboy, NJ. He has been a member of the Cathedral International Choir and Youth Usher Ministry for several years. He has participated in various community speaking engagements at the church and at local organizations . As a long-term member of Rays of Hope, a nonprofit community service organization that teaches youth leadership skills; Colin is on the Planning Committee this year . He shows his leadership skills by participating in fundraisers, such as Kids Who Cook, and educational events, such as leading the Rays of Hope Virtual Live Black Museum event. He has committed hours to interviewing a community leader on issues of homelessness, collecting and serving food to insecure and homeless citizens, creating bookshelves, and collecting and distributing book bags of children's personal hygiene products for families in shelters.

While a member of Howell's Police Athletic League (PAL) and serving as Treasurer of the Youth Leadership Council, Colin assisted in a community service project preparing sandwiches for the food insecure in surrounding communities . Committed to his community and the environment as a Life Scout (2nd highest rank) member of the Boy Scouts of America, Colin researched, created, and led Scout and adult leader volunteers in constructing the Eagle Scout Project, which involved creating a covered bench for daycare teachers. He also participated in various conservation-related activities, such as local beach and park cleanups. Bi-annually, he collects 50 bags of non-perishable food and household essentials for the Howell Food Pantry.

Colin is a graduating Senior at Howell High School maintaining a 4.4 GPA or higher while taking Honors and AP classes. At his school he is also Co-founder & Director of Music; Head Coder of the Video Game Design Club and the Robotics Club as well as a competing member of the HHS Robotics Club and member of the Marching & Concert Bands.

He is a member of the Lakewood Chapter of the New Jersey Orators. As an Orator, Colin has spoken at various youth events at the Cathedral his community. The following is a list of a few: New Jersey Superior Court, Dr. MartinLuther King Jr. Event, Annual Continental Societies North Shore Festivities, NAACP - Lakewood Chapter, Macedonia Baptist Church, Johnson and Johnson's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Program, T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Event in Red Bank, Howell Township 's 9/11 Memorial Ceremony , and Rays of Hope's Live Black Museum . Colin was nominated by his chapter coaches as an "Experienced Orator".

Colin has several choices of colleges and has chosen to attend the New Jersey Institute of Technology this fall, majoring in Computer Science/Cybersecurity.

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DEMILAIDEIYE OSINUBI

Demiladeiye Osinubi called "Demi ", is a very active and dedicated member of his Nigerian community as well as the community where he lives. He is the Founder of "Lift Your VoiceAcademy", a non-profit public speaking organization that teaches children of Nigerian immigrants how to master public speaking . He teaches up to 5 students in a class that meets virtually with students attending from different states around the United States . Demi has dedicated over 25 hours of community service hours volunteering as a Debate Coach mentoring Middle School debaters at Cedar Hill Prep School to help them prepare for their competitions to win the Garden State Debate League Championship in April 2022. He has also been a judge at these competitions. Besides helping his peers , Demi was also a Law Intern for Weisberg Klauber , LLC in 2021 where he shadowed a trial lawyer and took notes on court proceedings.

A graduating Senior from Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset with a 4.0 GPA, Demi finds time from honor and AP classes to be appointed by the Vice Principal to be Rutgers' Preparatory School Senior Prefect . He participated in providing support for school events such as open houses and curriculum nights. He also is a member of New Jersey Boys State Delegate where he participated in a selective summer program focused on how the New Jersey Government operates and solves current issues . He was elected State Assemblyman - 1 of 40 elected out of 700 delegates . Demi is also a Rutgers Preparatory School Varsity Soccer Player with over 20 goal contributions . He helped the team become the first Skyland Conference Champion in school history and won the New Jersey Skyland Conference Boys Soccer All Star Award . Demi is also an elite soccer player for the EDP Athletic Soccer Club.

Demi has been a member of the New Jersey Orators New Brunswick Chapter since 2014 , when he was 9 years old. Demi has given 32 invited oratory presentations to live audiences totaling about 5 , 795 people as well as via internet radio broadcasts (Radio Liberia) with a worldwide audience of Africans in the Diaspora. The breadth of his delivered speeches and presentations range widely from local NJ Orators Judges to corporate executives at J & J's Dr. King & Nokia Black History programs ; the Mayor & Franklin Township Councill as well as at St. Peter 's University Hospital and the Department of Veterans Affairs. His audience ranges extends to Dr. Benjamin Carson , Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ; Ruler of the Yorubaland , Nigeria Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi , King of Life of the Yoruba People and the Mandela Washington Young African Leadership Institute Fellows . As one of four NJO "Experienced Orator" designates Demi was selected to participate in our NJO Oral History Project , He interviewed a 93-year-old woman and member of the NAACP to record her recollections of the Civil Rights era and her voting rights experiences . He then wrote a compelling narrative about her life and presented it for New Jersey Council for Humanities Showcase.

In the fall, Demi will be attending University of Virginia majoring in Economics.

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TRE`MIR WINSTEAD -LYNN

Tre`Mir Winstead -Lynn has been an active member of his Newark community, volunteering at the local food bank and collecting food and other personal items forcommunity giveaways through his church, St. Luke AME Church. He is an active member of the Junior Usher Board and the Young People's Choir at St. Luke AME Church. He is also involved in two mentorship programs. One is the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras of NJ, which is a community-based mentoring organization sponsored by Prince Hall Masons, Inc. It's committed to developing leadership and other life skills through mentoring and community service. The other is the Dr. Ernest J. Everett Mentorship Program for boys sponsored by the Eta Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity , Inc. where he was Mentee of the Month in December 2022. This free mentoring program is held on the third Saturday of each month. He also has Gaming Design Certificates from Future First Gaming : Workforce C# Course - Wilmington University , Delaware and Stevens Inst. of Technology Summer Pre-College Game Design Program.

A graduating Senior at Newark Collegiate Academy, Tre`Mir earned a Magna Cum Laude 3.7 GPA. He served in the Student Government as Senate Minority Leader. He makes us proud by using his oratorical skills as the Founder and Editor-in- Chief/Spokesman of the Panther News Broadcast at Newark Collegiate Academy. He also played baritone in the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Marching Band, performed as the Academy Mascot, (Go Panthers !), and was voted Homecoming King. He is also the Founder of Gadz and Gizmoz Gaming Club and the TrENDING Money Marketing Club at his Academy.

Tre'Mir joined the Newark Chapter I of New Jersey Orators when he was 8 years old under the leadership of Mrs. Gwen Williams. He joined Newark Chapter II at the Horizon Community Charter School and stayed until a changeover of the board at the charter school forced the Orators to close the chapter. He rejoined Newark Chapter I under Mrs. Gwen Williams and Mrs. Debra DuHart -Ball. Tre`Mir has continued to hone his public speaking skills as a dedicated member until he graduates this June. His dedication has paid off as he has received Honors and Excellent from judges at competitions for his presentations.

Tre`Mir plans to attend the University of the Arts in Philadelphia , PA in the fall majoring in Game Art and Game Design.