

I HAVE A  
**DREAM**

Essays



The **Step Forward** program caters to recent immigrant students in grades 9 and 10, focusing on academic English enhancement and career readiness.

This booklet compiles the dreams and aspirations of our students, brought to life through their own storytelling. Our curriculum was created using resources and inspiration from the Maxcourage organization's writing workshop.

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## Andy Lopes Barbosa

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Cape Verde/USA

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Andy and I am in 9th grade. I live with my family: my uncle, aunt, and cousins. I was born in Boston but moved to Cape Verde shortly after I was born and lived there until I immigrated back to America in 2023 when my family decided it would be better for me.

This was a challenge for me because I knew a lot of people in my country and it's always hard to adjust to another country. One thing I'm most proud of about my identity is that we're always happy and that we all grew up in a close community. A hobby that I have is playing sports and video games. I like these because they take me on a journey to a "different world" and make me forget about real life problems and other worries in my life.

I hope I'll become a game developer in the future since that's my dream. I value this dream because I like to play video games. Becoming a game developer is a great opportunity to earn a lot of money by making tournaments since a lot of talented people play video games. I want to make a game similar to real life like GTA. To accomplish that dream, I need to start my career at a young age, I need to learn coding and I might need to also go to college.

What motivates me to become a game designer and persevere with that dream comes from

the fact that I would like a good paying job in the future, but since I like to play video games, this seemed like a good option for me. My role models are successful people who overcame challenges but still succeeded. A struggle I have right now is that I lack connections and experience, but I will learn more about networking and game designing in order to accomplish my dream. Playing games is a passion for me, so I will be committed to my dream. If I reach my goal, I hope I'll inspire other people to make games just like I was inspired to make one.

I have a dream to make an impact in gaming society and their standards by revolutionizing the gaming world. I have a dream to be an important game designer of video games. I have a dream to make a change in the way people even look at games by showing the world that video games can help people learn things they may not learn at school, I want to be an advocate for games. I will create a just system that will ban every toxic player. I have a dream to bring hope and help other kids who want to be successful in creating their own games and give them the freedom to create whatever game they want to. I have a dream to become a leader by becoming one of the greatest game designers of all time and a role model for gamers.

I have a dream.

## Bedjiner Thimothee

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y name is Bedjiner Thimothe and I am in 9th grade. I live with my mom, my grandmother, and my grandfather. I moved to America in 2023 because of insecurity. This was a difficult decision to make because I have a lot of friends still in Haiti. Some things I'm most proud of about my culture are the food and dance. A hobby that I have is playing soccer. I like it because I am a big fan of the sport.

My dream is to become a soccer player. I want to become a soccer player because soccer is really fun. This dream is important to me because you can have money and win cups. To achieve my dream I will work hard and do training. Another

step I will take is practicing soccer. My motivation to become a soccer player for the USA comes from my great memories of hanging out with my friend playing soccer. The motivation helps me to achieve my dream by practicing more and more soccer and becoming more muscular.



## Ester Marçal

PROMISE College and Career Academy, 9th grade

Country: Portugal/Brazil

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y name is Ester Marçal and I am in 9th grade. I live with my mom and my dad. I moved to America and became an immigrant in 2023 because my family wanted a better life for all of us. This was a difficult decision to make because I didn't want to leave my friends and the life that I had. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is that the music is really good and danceable and the people from our community are very nice. Being Portuguese and Brazilian is part of my identity because I relate with both countries. When I came here first wasn't that hard for me to adjust because I already knew how to speak English which made my parents proud of me. I know that on this journey from Portugal to here I will face challenges but I will not give up. A hobby that I have is playing my keyboard. I like it because it's relaxing and I can play all different types of songs.

My dream is to become a pediatric doctor. I want to become a pediatrician because I can make a lot of money while helping children. To achieve my dream I will study a lot and be patient. Another step I will take is to volunteer at a hospital and

eventually get into a college.

My motivation to become a pediatrician comes from wanting a better future and helping children. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by working hard and persevering. A struggle that I have is paying for college but I am able to overcome this by trying to get a scholarship. A role model that I have in my life is my mom because she is very strong and she's a hardworking person. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by helping my family.

I want to make an impact on young people to follow their dreams. I have a dream to make a change in my future and give myself better conditions. I have a dream to bring hope to parents whose children are getting medical help. I have a dream to become a leader among other pediatricians.

## Isadora Thamy Sylvestre

Brockton High School, 10th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y name is Isadora and I'm going into 10th grade at Brockton High School. I am proud of my identity of growing up in a close community. I live with my family. I am an immigrant because I moved to America in 2023 because my country became very hard to live in with political instability. I found it hard to adjust to my new city because everything was so different. This was a difficult decision to make because I love and miss my country. Some things I'm most proud of about my culture are the food and dance. A hobby that I have is dancing because it is my passion.

In the future, my dream is to become a business woman because I value enterprising money and helping people. This dream is valuable to me because a business woman can help other people's lives. To achieve my dream, I must first finish high school and I hope I will work hard. Another step is going to a college to pursue a business degree. When I reach my dream, I will take this accomplishment to celebrate with my family.

My motivation to become a business woman

came from living in Haiti because I learned to value enterprising money and helping people there. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by pushing me to succeed in school. Some struggles I have are working hard in school because it is challenging. I am able to overcome this by studying everyday because it forces me to push myself harder and harder. A role model in my life is my mom because she works long hours as a nurse and helps many sick people. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream and make my family proud of me.

I have a dream to make an impact in the lives of young girls who want to become business women by offering money and education in the community. I have a dream to make a change by teaching women business education to make the path to being a business woman easier for them. I have a dream to bring hope by helping people and improving the lives of those in need. I have a dream to become a leader by inspiring all young people in poor communities.

## Korry Rincher

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y name is Korry Rincher and I am going into 9th grade at Brockton High School. I live with my dad. I moved to America in December 2023 because my country had problems with my school, my community, and my family. This was a difficult decision to make because I had to leave my friends and my country behind. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the dance because it is very fun and the food because it is delicious. A hobby that I have is listening to music because it makes me happy and makes me jump.

My dream is to be a nurse. I want to become a nurse because I have wanted it since I was a kid. This Dream is important to me because I want to take care of poor people. To achieve my dream, I will focus on my education, learn about being a nurse, and practice public speaking. Another step I will take is to volunteer in a hospital.

My motivation to become a nurse came from living in Haiti because I saw a lot of people who needed help. This motivation helps me to achieve

my dream by making me study science and get a lot of work experience in hospitals. One struggle I have is that I still have a lot to learn. I am able to overcome this by studying English and practicing writing in. A role model in my life is my dad because he inspires me through his dedication to provide for our family. I hope to be passionate about my dream by getting help from my friends and teachers.

I have a dream to make an impact by becoming a nurse because I see a lot of people who need my help. I have a dream to make a change in the Haitian community. I hope to help children who are in the hospital. I hope to become a leader in my community to make sure everyone receives good healthcare.



## Lyncée Clerveaux Feyom

9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Lyncée and I'm going into 9th grade at Foxborough Regional Charter School. I live with my mom, my aunt, my uncle, and my cousin. I moved to America in August 2023 because my country has financial insecurity and gang violence so I wanted a better life. This was a difficult decision to make because I had to leave my dad and my friends behind. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is our fun music and dance traditions. A hobby that I have is swimming. I like it because when I swim I can take a break from my stress. I'm proud of my identity, many immigrants will move from their home countries to the USA in 2022. My community is very big. My family lives here.

In the future, my dream is to become a nurse because I want to take care of people's lives. This dream is valuable to me because a nurse can help people's lives better and because my aunt's career is as a nurse and she inspires me to work hard. To achieve my dream, I will learn more about nursing and study well in school. Also, since I will have the opportunity to go to college, it is possible for me to achieve my dream. Another step to becoming a nurse will be volunteering in a hospital. When I become a nurse, I can't wait to celebrate the accomplishment with my family and my friends.

My motivation to become a nurse comes from living in the USA because I need money and nursing is a good paying job. This motivation helps

me to achieve my dreams by pushing me to work harder so that I can succeed. Some struggles I have are finishing school and learning more about nursing. I am able to overcome these with focus and determination. A role model in my life is my mom because she works very hard for me. I am also inspired by my sister because her commitment to her studies earned her top grades in her class. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by making my family proud and learning from my parent's perseverance and dedication.

I have a dream to make an impact in the lives of children who want to become a nurse, provide healthcare to those who cannot afford it, and offer medical care in the community. I have a dream to make a change in health education. I have a dream to bring hope to people by improving the lives of those in need, specifically immigrant families. I have a dream to become a leader of young people in poor communities.



## Naidelyn Gualpa

9th grade

Country: Ecuador

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Naidelyn and I am going into 9th grade at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. I live with my dad, aunt, and cousin. I'm an immigrant because I moved to America in December 2022 because of a decision made by my parents for a better life. This was a difficult decision to make because I didn't want to leave my family and my community in Ecuador. My journey of moving to a new country has been a challenge, but it has also given me new opportunities to grow and learn. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the food and the music. I'm proud of the food because it is delicious, and the music because it is incredibly danceable. A hobby that I have is to watch movies, especially action movies because they are very fun to watch.

My dream is to become a nurse because it is a good career. In the future I want to become a nurse because I hope to help doctors and to save people's lives. I value this dream because this dream is important to me because I want good health for everyone. To achieve my dream, I must focus on my education to have the opportunity to be good in classes, specifically science and health class. Another step I will take is to go to college and study hard when I get there. I hope to accomplish this dream

My motivation to become a nurse comes from myself. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by pushing my own self to want to help people. One struggle I have is the hard work required to be a nurse. I am able to overcome this by focusing more in my classes. A role model I have is my dad because he works very hard and still is able to take care of me. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream with my inspiration to help save people's lives and commitment to achieve my goals keep me focused.

I have a dream to make an impact in becoming a doctor because I want to save many people's lives. I have a dream to make a change in myself because my career will be hard and I cannot be lazy. I hope to have the freedom to help other people. I have a dream to bring hope to people with health problems and to become a leader to other nurses.

I have a dream.

## Norry Rincher

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y name is Norry and I am in 9th grade. I live with my dad, sister, brother, and grandmother. I moved to America in 2023 because my country has problems. This was a difficult decision to make because my country is my friend. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the fun dances and delicious food. Some hobbies that I have are dancing, listening to music, and playing basketball.

My dream is to become a nurse. I want to become a nurse because I want to help people. This dream is important to me because it is my dream to achieve my dream. I will study hard in science, math, and biology. Another step I will take is to ask for help when I need it.

My motivation to become a nurse comes from the fact that I want to help people. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by studying science subjects. Some struggles I have are studying and that I don't have enough money. I am able to overcome these by working hard and going to school. A role model in my life is my mom because she is a nurse and helps other people. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by

talking to my aunt who is also a nurse.

I have a dream to make an impact that helps people feel better. I have a dream to make something easier for someone else. I have a dream to bring hope by helping people keep achieving their dreams. I have a dream to become a leader, someone who is in charge of something in the world.



## Peterline Philemond

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Peterline Philemond. I am an immigrant. I am 14 years old and am going into 9th grade at Brockton High School. I live with my mom, my dad, and my sister. I moved from Haiti to America in January 2024 to move in with my mom since Haiti has gang violence. This was a difficult decision to make because I don't speak English. One thing I am most proud of about my culture is the food, the dance, the music, the beaches, and the history. In fact, I love everything about Haiti except the gang violence. Some hobbies that I have are volleyball, soccer, playing cards, and playing with dolls. I consider my community and my school to be parts of my identity. My biggest challenge is the MCAS exam. My journey from Haiti to the USA was very hard to adjust and to keep my motivation at school.

My dream is to become a nurse because I love children. This dream is important for me because I will help many children if I become a nurse. To achieve my dream I will study hard, focus on my science classes, and go to college for nursing. I also want to help my family because my grandma is sick. If I am not a nurse, my other dream would be to become a stewardess because I love airplanes. Otherwise, I would want to be a social worker because I like to help children because they are cute and I like playing with them. I value my family the most in my life.

My motivation to become a nurse comes from the USA because there are not enough nurses here. This motivation helps me to achieve my dream by forcing me to focus on what is important in my life. Some struggles I have are studying for my high school classes, doing my homework, and taking the MCAS exam. I am able to overcome these by studying hard both in school and outside of school. Some role models in my life are my mom, my dad, my grandma, and my grandpa. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by studying hard and focusing in the classroom and commit to my studies.

I have a dream to make an impact to become a nurse and help people. I have a dream to make a change for myself, my mom, my dad, my brother, my sister, my cousin, and the rest of my family. I have a dream to bring hope to myself to study hard for these next four years. I have a dream to become a leader and to inspire others. I feel honored to go to school and to have my family as my advocates. I feel privileged to have the freedom in the USA that I did not have in Haiti.

## Sasky-Ann Barthold Montilus

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Sasky-Ann and I am going into 9th grade at Brockton High School. I live with my mother, my auntie, my uncle, and my cousins. I moved to America in 2024 because the situation in Haiti is difficult. This was a difficult decision to make because I like my culture, my friends, and my family. Some things I'm most proud of about my culture are the carnival, the food, the dances, and the music. A hobby that I have is to play volleyball. I like it because I have fun playing it.

My dream is to become a nurse. I want to become a nurse who helps people because I want them to feel better. This dream is important to me because of my aunt who inspires me to become a nurse. To achieve my dream I will study hard in science class. Another step I will take is to go to college. My motivation to become a Nurse comes from my aunt who is a Nurse and helps a lot of people.



## Danilson Inacio Moreno Landim

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Cape Verde

Teacher: Mr. Nino



**M**y motivation to become a soccer player comes from my passion for improvement in the sport. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by understanding that improvement is important because professional players get better every day.



## Darill Jean Louis

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name's Darill and I'm in 9th grade. I'm living with my sister, cousins, aunt, and uncle. I moved to America because I wanted to learn a new language and because I had some issues with the school that I went to in Haiti. This decision was hard to make because I didn't want to leave my mom behind. The things that make me proud about my country are the way we dress and respect each other. Some hobbies that I have are basketball and mechanical science because I think they could be a nice part of my life when I am done with school.

My dream is to become a basketball player. I want to become a basketball player because I'd like to become one of the legends in basketball. To achieve my dream I'll work hard in school and train hard in the sport. I believe that living in America is giving me the opportunity to achieve my dream.

My motivation to become a basketball player comes from my mother because she has always seen my potential. My role model is Kyrie Irving because he is my favorite basketball player. One struggle I have is that I am a recent immigrant but I'm going to overcome this by finding a way to realize my dream. I'm going to persevere until I make it because nothing is easy, but you just have to try your best. My inspiration comes from my mom because even though she's sick she has never given up on me. I am passionate about playing

basketball with my friends but I am committed to achieve the goal I have for my future.

I have a dream to make an impact in the world through my actions and efforts. I have a dream to make a change in my country because I'd like to become a basketball player. I have a dream to bring hope to communities in need and create a brighter future for everyone. I have a dream to become a leader and inspire others to achieve their fullest potential.



## Einstein Leveillard

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Einstein and I am in 9th grade. I live with my brother, sister, and nephew. I moved to America in February 2024 because my country didn't have security and I wanted to realize my dreams. This was a difficult decision to make because I came to America but my mom stayed in Haiti. One thing I'm proud of about my country is the food because it's delicious. A hobby that I have is soccer because it is my dream to become a soccer player.

My dream is to become a good player because I want to play in the world cup. This dream is important to me because playing soccer is a talent I have. To achieve my dream, I will play soccer in high school, respect the coach, and practice hard. Another step I will take is working on soccer skills on my own and becoming the best player I can be.

My motivation to become a soccer player comes from my mom because she wants a good future for me. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by making myself practice as much as I can. A struggle I have is focusing on working hard but I can overcome this by practicing whenever

I can. A role model in my life is my mom because even though living in Haiti is very hard for her, she always perseveres. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by working toward achieving success.

My dream is to become a soccer player but I also want to help others. If I am successful, I will give other people the same opportunities that I was given. I have a dream to make a change because I want to work on getting rid of gangs in Haiti. Less gangs means that there will be less violence in the country. I have a dream to bring hope because I want to be able to donate to the poor. My donations can make a big difference in their lives. I have a dream to become a leader because my goal is to become the soccer captain leading my team to victory.



## Eugena Montfort

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Eugena and I am in 9th grade. I live with my mother and my two older brothers. I moved to America in the summer of 2022 because my parents wanted a better life for me. This was a difficult decision to make because we left our friends and some family like my grandmother. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the delicious food and I enjoy Haitian music also. A hobby that I have is dancing; I like it because it makes me happy and comfortable.

My dream is to become a lawyer and to rent a house. My future will be good because I will work for those things. My dream is important and valuable to me because if I focus at school and do well, I will get opportunities to realize my dream. A lawyer is a good career because I will fight for justice. I hope I realize my dream because I want to have the talent of speaking in public. I will put in a lot of effort to accomplish my dream.

My motivation to become a lawyer comes from my mother who motivates me and supports me. This motivation helps me to persevere in school and continues to make my mom proud of me. One struggle I have is trying to speak the new language. A role model that I have in my life is my mother because she inspires me and supports me in becoming a lawyer. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by putting in more effort at school, committing to learning English,

and overcoming my problems.

I have a dream to make an impact in the world. I want to fight for justice. I don't want people abusing others. I have a dream to become a leader who helps the poor and fulfills missions responsibly.



## Malendjyne Charlot

Brockton High School, 10th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Marlendjyne and I am going into 10th grade. I live with my mom, dad, two younger sisters, and one younger brother. I moved to America in November 2023 because of violence and political instability in my country. This was a difficult journey for me and my family since we had to leave our friends behind. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is our fun music and dance traditions. A hobby that I have is playing basketball because it's my passion and it makes me feel cool to play it.

My dream is to become a doctor. I want to become a doctor and focus on my dream because I want to learn about medicine and its impact on people. This dream is important to me because becoming a doctor will be useful in helping children. To achieve my dream I will study hard in high school. Another step I will take is to go to college and then to med school.

My motivation to become a doctor comes from my mom because she always supports and encourages me. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by succeeding in school and working hard. One struggle I have is focusing on my determination, but I am able to overcome this by reminding myself that I must realize my dream. A role model in my life is my mom because she has always supported me and it is my desire to make her proud of me. I hope to continue to be

passionate about my dream by working hard and continuing to learn about medicine.

My dream is to make an impact in the world. I want to be a nurse when I grow up so I can help people who are sick. I have a dream to make a change and I'm going to study hard in school so that I can help the children in Brockton in the future. I have a dream to treat sick children, bring hope into their lives, and allow them to live another day. I have a dream to become a leader in college when I become the captain of my school's basketball team.



## Nehemie Fevrier

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino



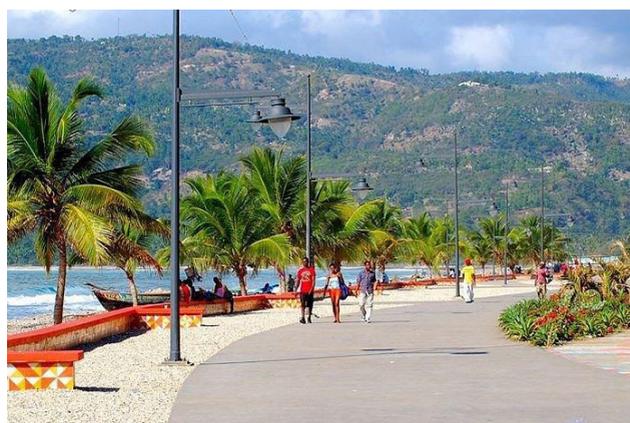
My name is Nehemie and I am in 9th grade. I live with my Mother, Brother and Myself. I moved to America in 2023 because I need to have a better life. This was a difficult decision to make because I had to leave some friends in my country and my family. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the food and the music. A hobby that I have is singing and playing volleyball. I like it because I like to enjoy myself when I play volleyball and my mom likes when I sing.

My dream is to become a doctor and dedicate my life to healing, helping Others, improving patient outcomes, and advancing medical knowledge. This dream is important to me because I like to take care and help people when they are sick. To achieve my dream I will focus on my work and learn about doctors and their impact on people.

My motivation to become a doctor comes from my family. This motivation helps me to achieve my dream by working hard learning About how to take care to help people. Some struggles I have are to have a better life for my family and myself.

I was able to overcome them with focus and don't never give up. A role model in my life is my family because they like to motivate me in my dream. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by working hard and want to know how to give someone medicine.

I have a dream to make an impact on the world to create a lasting impact by empowering others and leading with integrity and vision.



## Sheyla Kunanch

9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

**M**y name is Sheyla and I am in 9th grade. I live with my mother, my father, and my sister. I moved to America in 2022 because of my family and I wanted a good future for myself. This was a difficult decision to make because I left many friends and family behind. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the food and music. A hobby that I have is Watching K-drama and baking cakes and learning to make up. I like it because It's my favorite hobby

My dream is to become a flight attendant. I want to become a stewardess because I like to go down. This dream is important to me because I am really this race. To achieve my dream I will study too much getting good grades and learn more about this cleveer. Another step I will take is to learn different languages to communicate with passengers from countries.

My motivation to become a flight attendant comes from my aunt because she is a good flight attendant. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by studying other countries' languages. Some struggles I have are speaking in English. I was able to overcome them by studying English a lot at my home. A role model in my life is my best friend because she supports me in my dreams. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by studying hard in english.

I have a dream to make an impact. In the lives of children who want to become a Flight Attendant. I have a dream to make a change. In people so that no more wars and no more fight I have a dream to bring hope: To my families who love me I have a dream to become a leader: In my community, all children live without worries about wars and education.



## Woodvision Sainte Rose

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: USA/Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Nino

My name is Woody and I am going into 9th grade. I live with my mom, sister, and cousin. I was born in Brockton in 2009. My mom is an immigrant and moved to America from Haiti when she was 18 years old. Because of this, I consider my identity Haitian-American. My mom is still adjusting to living in America. Her journey has been really long and she has told me all about it and how challenging it has been for her. One thing I'm most proud of about my family's Haitian culture is that they make good food chicken with fries. A hobby that I have is to play basketball because it is a fun sport and it keeps my mind off of things. I also love to bond with my friends in the community by playing basketball together.

My dream is to be a good basketball player in the future. I value my strength and I know I could get better and accomplish my goal. I know I could be given a lot of opportunities once I get to play for the high school basketball team. I hope the coaches see my talent and I could take my talent to have a career that I can call my own.

My motivation comes from wanting to be one of the best basketball players and wanting to make my mother proud. This motivation helps me overcome being lazy by working hard. My passion to play basketball is strong and I know I could get better at the sport I love by never stopping. In my life, my role models are my mother and my mentor Stanley because they want me to persevere

and continue to get better at basketball. I also was inspired by basketball players and many other famous athletes. I hope that I can get there one day, but I do have haters that think I will never get to my dream. However, they don't know my struggle or how much time and effort I put in to get where I am today. They also don't know how committed I am and I can't wait to prove them wrong. I'm going to make my mom proud and shock the people who prayed on my downfall. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by working hard on my skills and perfecting my moves in the sport.

I have a dream to make an impact on the NBA and to be one of the best players they have ever seen. I will work hard to achieve my dream and it's important to show the world what I can do. I have a dream to make a change in my life and I am hoping that my dream will come true. I have a dream to have justice for my mom, help my big sister, and bring my whole family a lot of money. I have a dream to become a leader and advocate on and off the court and to inspire my teammates to be their best selves. I have the freedom to make my dreams a reality and I will make sure no one can tell me that I can't.

## Biondisha Exume

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Biondisha Exume. I live with my aunt ,my two cousins, my uncle, and my dad. And my dream is to be play a volley-ball player I like this games because when I see some people playing this games and I have a inspiration i moved to America in 2023 (year) because my country is not good in my family want to be a good education this was a difficult to make because I can't speak the language one thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the food, the music.

My motivation to become a volley-ball player comes from my family, especially my mother. This motivation helps me to achieve my dream by my inspiration to follow what I like. Some struggles I have are when I never practice and I just see how I can play a tv. I was able to overcome them by continuing practice. A role model in my life is my mother because my motivation was to play volley-ball when I was younger. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream because it's my inspiration and I will work very hard.

I have a dream.

## Steevenson Jean

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Brazil

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**H**i, my name is Steevenson Jean. I am 14 years old. I'm from Brazil, I was born in Porto Alegre. I have a dream to become a soccer player. I like to play GTA and soccer. I'm inspired by my Neymar.

My motivation is to be able to help my family and I want to give them a better life. The impact that I would like to create with my dream is to give more motivation to children so they can believe in themselves and to remember to always believe in their dreams. I have a dream.



## Erinia Bolivar

Brockton High School, 10th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

I have a dream.

My dream is to become a lawyer. I want to become a lawyer because I want to stand for justice and give people hope and I want to fight for justice and help innocent people. This dream is important to me because since I was in middle school, I couldn't watch injustice and stay quiet that's why they use to asked me if I was a lawyer or why I'm putting my mouth in people business and this dream is important to me because of a lot of innocent people pay for the criminal. To achieve my dream, I will focus on history and government classes and learn about laws and their impact on people.

My motivation to become a lawyer comes from how I witnessed unfair treatment of poor people, poor people unfairly arrested and rich people getting away with crimes. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by staying focused in class and studying law so that I will be able to speak up for poor and innocent people. Some struggles I have are talking in public. I was able to overcome them by putting myself in situations to talk or dance in public without stress. A role model in my life is my mom because she is the strongest woman I have ever seen. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by trying to speak up for my friends and do my best.

I have a dream to make an impact to inspire all the people who are scared to speak up for themselves and I want them to take me as an example to show that speaking up for yourself it's not easy but it's necessary.

I have a dream to make a change from the fact that rich people getting away with crimes and poor people unfairly arrested that have to stop I want to be the type of lawyer who stands up for justice and giving people hope by showing them they don't have to be scared to speak up for themselves and everything going to be okay because I'm going to be by their side to help them and by the occasion to become their leader and show them with leadership and harmony we can do everything.

I have a dream.



## Isaac Fevrier

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

I have a dream to become a soccer player. Messi inspires me and I just want to be like him and also my cousin is very good at soccer, and I want to be like him either and I want to have a lot of fans and I want to help homeless people and my family either and I want to have a lot of money.

My motivation to become a soccer player comes from Messi. I just want to be like him, clever at soccer.

And this motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by pushing me to work hard, and some

struggles I have are I don't have so much time to play soccer and school takes the time I want to play soccer.

Overcome them by i play whatever i want to play and i can play sometime late outside night of my house and i just want to be better in soccer cause i love soccer and i want to inspires people like Messi did he inspires people just like he inspires me to play soccer and i just want to be like him.

I have a dream.

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## Kevin Monteiro

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

I have a dream to become a soccer player because I like soccer and I'm good at soccer.

My role model who inspires me to become a soccer player is my grandpa because he was the coach of the team in Cape Verde and he motivate me to become a soccer player and sometimes I play soccer.

I have a dream.

## Jocelin Previl

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Jocelin Previl and I'm in 9th grade. I live with my mom, godmother, uncle, and brother. I moved to America in 2023 because life in my country was very hard and insecure. This was a difficult decision to make because I had to leave many people like my baseball teammates and neighbors. Some things I'm most proud of about my culture are the music, food and carnival, because they are a mix between some African styles and that makes it unique. Some hobbies that I have are playing baseball and rollerblading. I like them because they make me keep myself constantly working out, so they are good for my health.

I have a dream to become a doctor, because I'd like to give hope to those families that need it, making them know that their family member is in good hands. I also want to distinguish myself from the doctors that will be surrounding me, be one of the best in what I'll do and inspire people to follow my steps.

What motivates me to pursue this dream are my parents and my godmother, they're people that are always there for me, helping me with anything. By being a doctor and succeeding in the field, I can ensure that I'll be able to do the same and even better for them.

What inspired me for this dream are the works of doctors, the merits that they receive, and how some of them even do impossible things. I'd like to be like them or better. At the moment I'm learning English and that's the first step. I know that it will be a long journey, but I'm motivated, and by working hard and being consistent I believe that I can reach my dream. I would like to have an impact in medicine as well as inspire people to follow my steps, to succeed in what I'll do, to reach that I must be focused in my classes, work hard and be consistent and all that will increase my opportunities in medicine.

I have a dream.



## Keisha Y. Etienne

Brockton High School, 10th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Keisha, I'm 16 years old and I am going to be in 10th grade. I live with my mother and my two younger brothers who are in 3rd and 8th grade. I moved to America in 2023 because of the violence and political instability in my country. This was a difficult decision to make because I'm leaving behind my friends and family. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the music and the dance traditions. A hobby I have is listening to music. I like it because I think about anything when I'm listening to music and I learn new words.

My dream is to become a pediatrician. I want to become a pediatrician because I want to help children get better when they feel sick and get hurt. This dream is important to me because I like to take care of children and it's the only way for me to be successful. To achieve my dream, I will focus on Biology class, learn a lot of things about health. Another step I will take is to go to college and volunteer at some nurse's room. In the future, I will be a better doctor than the others to help children.

My motivation is to finish high school because I want to be a successful and rich Pediatrician, which comes from my passion for kids and the fact that I want to know more about them. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by staying focused to get what I want and pushing me to study and work harder. Things are hard in

Haiti right now with gang violence, so my parents had to leave the country for a better life. The journey wasn't easy. Some struggles I have are moving to a new country and studying. I was able to overcome them by staying focused and determined on my dream. A role model in my life is my mom because even with all the struggles she still wakes up in the morning with more motivation to do what she wants. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by studying hard. Join some science club.

I have a dream to make an impact by offering medical care everywhere to ensure every child gets the care that they need.

I have a dream to make a change in my country so that every child can get health care easily when they need to.

I have a dream bringing hope to immigrant families by sharing my journeys from Haiti to Boston to show that hard work and perseverance can lead to success.

I have a dream to become a leader to inspire young people in poor communities to stay in school and never give up, no matter how hard things get.

I have a dream.

## Mara Monteiro

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Cape Verde

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**H**i My name is Mara, I am 14 years old. I'm from Cape Verde, I was born in São Vicente. I love dancing, singing, doing theater and helping people, and I have a big dream.

I have a dream to be a doctor or psychologist to help save the lives of children, teenagers, adults and the elderly. My motivation and because when I was 7 years old my 10 year old uncle died because the hospital gave the wrong remedies for him. That's why I want to be a great doctor to help all people.

I am very inspired by my mother because she is a very strong, dedicated woman, so I will never give up on my dreams. I want to have a big impact on people's lives because I want to show that with a lot of effort it is possible and that we should never give up and always persist because to be successful we have to have many obstacles.

I have a dream.



## Nehemie michel

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**I** have a dream to become a nurse. I want to become one because I need to help people in my community who cannot afford to see a doctor making sure everyone gets the care they need. This dream is important to me because I like it and I want to help people. To achieve my dream, I will study hard in school.

My motivation to become a nurse comes from Haiti. This motivation helps me to achieve my dreams by dreaming of a better future. A struggle I have is learning a new language. A role model in my life is my dad because he works very hard. commitment to education- I study every day.

I have a dream to make an impact in the lives of youth who are struggling with mental health. I have a dream to make a change in my community so that no one will be judged by the color of their skin. I have a dream to bring hope to children who are in the hospital. I have a dream to become a leader in my community so that all children can receive a good education.

I have a dream.

## Ana Carmelo

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Guatemala

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Ana. I am 15 years old. I live with my mother, father, sister, and grandmother. I moved to America in 2024 because of a decision made by my mother. This was a difficult decision to make because we had to leave our family behind.

One thing I am most proud of about my culture is its music and dance. My hobbies are playing music and soccer!

I dream of becoming a teacher because I want to make my family proud. This dream is important to me because helping children is crucial since they are our future!

To achieve my dream, I will study hard at university and frequently go to the library. I aspire to be a nurse! My motivation to become a teacher comes from my passion for children. This motivation helps me achieve my dreams through my studies. I was able to overcome my struggles by trying harder and studying more often. My mom is the most important person in my life because she is nice. I want to make an impact on children as a teacher.

I have a dream.

## Anahi Guaman

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Ecuador

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Anahi, and I'm 17 years old. I am from Ecuador, and I like listening to music and playing basketball. My favorite color is green, and my favorite food is Conchita's.

I have a dream of becoming a doctor. I want to become a doctor because I want to help people. This dream is important to me because I like to help children. To achieve my dream, I will study a lot. Another step I will take is learning about criminology.

My motivation to become a doctor comes from where I lived. This motivation helps me achieve my dreams by taking care of people. Some struggles I have are with English. I was able to overcome them by learning English. A role model in my life is my family because they give me good support. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by learning everything about sickness.

I have a dream.



## Angelina Mateo

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Guatemala

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Angelina Mateo, and I am from Guatemala. My dream is to become a doctor to help people in the future and support my family. I also want to become a better person so my family can feel proud of me. My motivation to become a doctor comes from wanting to help people who are sick and need support.

My family has worked hard to support me in my studies, so I try to study as hard as I can, just like my dad works diligently in his job to provide for our family. The impact I would like to create by becoming a doctor is to help my family and support people in the future.

I hope my dream comes true.



## Danilo Manodanda

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Chile

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Danilo Manodanda.

I have a dream to become an engineer. I want to study English extensively because I want to communicate with people and for work. This is important to me because I want the best for my family. To achieve my dream, I will complete my education and conduct research. In my free time, I will play games and vacation with my family.

My motivation to become an engineer comes from being here in America. This motivation helps me achieve my dreams and think about ways to support my family in the future. Some struggles I have faced include trusting in God, as God can give difficulties to everyone. I was able to overcome them by trusting in God, who helped me in my difficulties. A role model in my life is my father, mother, and brother. I am grateful for my family and God. I hope to continue being passionate about my dream by watching videos about engineering and learning how to build a house.

I have a dream.

## Erika Gualpa

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Ecuador

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Erika, I'm 17 years old, and I'm from Ecuador. I like to sleep and I enjoy K-pop culture. I have a dream to become a vet because I want to help animals. This dream is important to me because I don't like to see them suffer. To achieve my dream, I will study a lot and make a strong effort. Another step I will take is to become a manicurist, so I can buy a house for me and my family.

My motivation to become a veterinarian comes from where I lived. This motivation helps me to achieve my dream by taking care of animals. Some struggles I have are with English, but I will overcome them by learning the language. A role model in my life is my family because they give me good advice. I hope to continue to be passionate about my dream by learning everything I need to know about pets.

I have a dream to make an impact to help others be better.

I have a dream to make a change in my life and in society.

I have a dream to bring hope to my family.

I have a dream to become a leader in my own business.

I have a dream.

## Jhonley Salomon

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Chile

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Jhonley, and I am in 9th grade. I live with my family.

I moved to America in 2023 to pursue a better life. This was a difficult decision because I had to leave my friends behind.

One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is the food. A hobby that I have is playing soccer, and I like it because I can play with my friends.



## Christopher Charles

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Charles, and I am in 9th grade. I live with my dad, my family, my brother, and my cousins. I moved to America in 2024 because my country wasn't safe, and I wanted to have a better life. This was a difficult decision because I left behind my sister, my old friends, my dog, and my cat. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is that the culture of Haiti is so beautiful. I love the carnival. I also love to play soccer and basketball with my friends, who are always challenging me.

I have a dream to become a basketball player because I want to help children and become a star player. This dream is important to me because I want to help my family. To achieve my dream, I will work out and prepare myself. Another step I will take is to play and practice more.

My motivation to become a basketball player comes from Jaylen Brown. This motivation helps me achieve my dreams by inspiring me to work hard and make money. Some struggles I have include difficulty sleeping, which I can overcome with medication. A role model in my life is my mother because I love her. I hope to continue being passionate about my dream by playing basketball regularly.

I have a dream to make an impact to become Basketball player.

I have a dream to make change my life and

have more money.

I have a dream to being a good basketball player.

I have a dream to become a leader in my community so that all children can receive a good education .

I have a dream.



## Medwine Joseph

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Haiti

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Medwine Biloue Joseph, and I am in 9th grade. I live with my family. I moved to America in 2023 because my family wants a better life for me. This was a difficult decision because I had to leave my grandmother behind. One thing I'm most proud of about my culture is Haitian food. A hobby that I have is music because it is my therapy and helps me relax.

I have a dream to become a lawyer who stands up for justice because I want to help people. This dream is important to me because I want to ensure that everyone has a voice. To achieve my dream, I will stay focused on learning about government and law. Another step I will take is creating my own business. I want to have my own shop.

My motivation to become a lawyer comes from my desire to witness and address the unfair treatment of poor people and make a change.

Some struggles I have faced include not knowing how to cook, but I was able to overcome them by learning how to cook. A role model in my life is my mom because I am comfortable with her. I hope to continue being passionate about my dream by being patient.

I have a dream to make an impact to become a lawyer.

I have a dream to change my life and have more money .

I have a dream to bring hope to a good lawyer .

I have a dream to become a leader in my country so that everyone can receive good health care.

I have a dream.



## Mirhandjy Cyprien

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Chile

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**H**ello, my name is Handjy, and I am 14 years old. I am in 9th grade and live in Brockton with my mom.

I have a dream to become a soccer player who plays for Barcelona. I want to be a footballer because in 2018, when I was 8 years old, Real Madrid won the championships three years in a row. I'm a big fan of Barcelona, and seeing Real Madrid win the Champions League 13 times, compared to Barcelona's 5 times, inspired me.

I want to help Barcelona win many more trophies, including the Champions League and the treble, and also bring success to my country, Haiti, which hasn't won a major trophy. To achieve my dream, I will join a club for my training and work hard to realize my goal.

I have a dream.



## Rafael Lima Tavares

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Cape Verde

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Rafael. I was born in Cape Verde and I'm 17 years old. My impact in society is to do good for society like me and I want to become a sergeant to inspire people to do well.

I also want to help in disasters and poverty to motivate young people to do the same. I'm interested in my culture's music. My hobby is to go to the beach. I like it because I feel happy .



## Stacey Lamartiniere

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Cape Verde

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Stacey Lamartiniere. I have a dream to become a nurse because I love science and want to help people in need when they get hurt. I want to help make people feel better. This dream is important to me because nursing is something I am passionate about. To achieve my dream, I will go to college and study more.

My motivation to become a nurse comes from my love of helping people. This motivation helps me achieve my dream by making me happy when I help others. Some struggles I have include not knowing how to cook, but I was able to overcome them by learning how to cook. A role model in my life is my mom because she never gives up. I hope to continue being passionate about my dream by being patient.

I have a dream to make an impact as a nurse .  
I have a dream to become a flight attendant and help people .  
I have a dream to bring hope to bring happiness to my family and me .  
I have a dream to become a leader of a hospital .  
I have a dream.



## Leslie Deleg

Brockton High School, 9th grade

Country: Ecuador

Teacher: Mr. Christian

**M**y name is Leslie, and I'm 15 years old. I'm from Ecuador. I like soccer and dancing. My favorite colors are black and red, and my favorite food is Encebollado. I enjoy K-pop and reggaeton.

I have a dream to become a flight attendant because I want to travel the world. This dream is important to me because I want to help people during their flights. To achieve my dream, I will study at a university. Another step I will take is to become a doctor.

My motivation to become a flight attendant comes from a K-drama. This motivation helps me achieve my dreams by creating admiration. I want to know more about cultures and other countries. Some struggles I have include speaking

English, but I have been able to overcome them by learning the language. A role model in my life is my family because they are the most important to me. I hope to continue being passionate about my dream by progressing in my studies.

I have a dream to make an impact:

To help other be better

I have a dream to make a change:

In my life and in society

I have a dream to bring hope:

To my family

I have a dream to become a leader:

In my own buys ness

I have a dream.



