

Biography

My name is Amadou Barry, I was born in Dakar Senegal in Africa on May 20, 2000. I came to the United States in search of an education and a better future. In 2011 when I initially arrived in the US I couldn't speak a single word of English and didn't know how to read in any language. I was very uneducated but always curious, eager, and interested to learn. I started going to middle school and I had to start with learning the alphabets, but luckily I had a great teacher who was able to translate English to French which sped up my learning process.

Fast forward a couple years of learning, by the time I was in highschool I was able to read, write, and understand when people were speaking in English. Listening to American music was one of my favorite ways to learn English. I listened to Hip-Hop, Rap, R&B, and many other genres that I didn't know. Music just became an escape from reality for me sometimes, especially as I continue to improve in my overall understanding of the language. A Boogie wit da Hoodie is an American rapper, singer, and songwriter, and I found myself relating to almost all of his music, sometimes it felt like he was talking about me and my experience with girls in his songs. I like him so much that I attended one of his music concerts at Worcester in 2019 which was an experience of a lifetime.

In high School I was involved with many activities which allowed me to become the first in my family to go to college making my family very proud. I participated in the debate team, joined the student government association (SGA), and joined the art club. Amadou Barry was a constant name at the honor roll and I graduated high as one of the top students in my class. I did a lot of volunteer community service work (Freedom House & Copper Community Service). Outside of the school, I also participated with various activities like a local YMCA, where I played in an organized basketball league and worked out in the fitness gym. At 5 foot 9 inches, I was always the shortest player in every basketball team I ever played for. Though that didn't stop me from being a great leader at the Point Guard position helping my team win games.

Bridgewater State University (BSU) was the first college to accept me and gave me the most money so I decided to attend that school not knowing what to expect. After my first year at BSU, I decided to major in Computer Science because I was fascinated and excited to learn how computers are made to run and how apps are built. After declaring my major, I decided to join a Latina dance team at BSU called "Mi Gente" where we danced Bachata and Salsa and had a big performance at the school. I also decided to join the Modeling team called "Free Form Fashion" which was another memorable and awesome experience I've had at BSU so far. Now in my third year I finally decided to take a music class as a core requirement for me to graduate from BSU, although that's not the only reason I decided to take the class, it's also because I want to know more about music and I want to eventually learn how to play a musical instrument.