As a determined high school student, I have various goals for my future.

My first goal is to become proficiently bilingual in English and French. Growing up in Brampton, ON, encouraged to always seize opportunities by my Jamaican parents, I enrolled in an Extended French program. This helped pave the road for the passion I soon developed for French language proficiency. As an ambitious high school student eager to develop bilingualism, I worked part-time every summer to afford the opportunity to attend a student travel for-credit program known as “Edu-Travel for Credit”. With this program, I was able to travel to France for summer school! After being submerged into French culture and being able to engage in conversation with native French speakers, I truly began to realize that I could possibly find a future with bilingualism. I hope to go to the University of Ottawa for their French Immersion Nursing Program as this unique program gives me the opportunity to complete my degree in both French and English.

I also hope to do nursing as I have always had a passion for the health sciences. My ambition for health sciences began when I started volunteering at my local hospital: Peel Memorial. Interacting with patients, seeing various procedures - exposed me to a new perspective of direct human support in which you immediately see how you have impacted one’s life. By volunteering at Peel Memorial Hospital, I realized that I see myself working in the healthcare field in the future. As I grew to admire the healthcare field, I decided to share it with students at my high school. Currently, I am the co-founder and co-president of a health sciences club known as HOSA at my high school. This club gives students the opportunity to network and learn more about healthcare careers and the industry. Starting this club and seeing how far it has come is truly one of my greatest accomplishments as a senior high school student.

As an individual also committed to community awareness, I also have a strong interest in social justice. I am the “Student Leader” for a social equity and diversity club known as: Thrive: Unity Through Diversity. At Cardinal Leger Thrive, students partake in weekly activities and discussions to review social justice, mental health and societal issues affecting our school and community. I manage social media accounts, run weekly zoom meetings and initiate different campaigns for the group to participate in. Examples of campaigns and initiatives I lead include:

* **Orange Shirt Day Indigenous Awareness**: <https://twitter.com/LegerThrive/status/1311271940905144323?s=20>
* **Period Drive Campaign**: Students and staff donated menstrual products to be shared amongst the Cardinal Leger school community + a Toronto Based organization known as ‘Moon Time sisters’ that donates menstrual products to northern indigenous communities
* **Black History Month**: Hosted a guest speaker series featuring Black Leaders and role models such as Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, Juno Award Nominee AHI
* **Anti-Discrimination Campaign:** <https://twitter.com/LegerThrive/status/1372142186075131905?s=20>

Lead an initiative to combat racism, discriminatory biases and discrimination in schools. Organized, planned and created a survey for students to report discrimination that they may have encountered. I am actively working with my school administration to address reports

What I find most rewarding about this leadership position is being able to inform and educate others. I learned that in order to create impactful changes within our society, we must begin at the route of the cause – miseducation.

A long-term goal I have would be to obtain a Master of Nursing Administration or Public Health. As a young individual who enjoys leadership, I believe pursuing a master's degree/ continuing post-graduate studies in an administrative field would ultimately fulfill my goals when working in a healthcare setting. After doing this, I hope to be able to work for the Government of Canada in an administrative role, representing public health. I want to fight against negative healthcare policies that disproportionately affect black, indigenous, LGBTQ+ and marginalized communities. As a member of the Black community, I understand the importance of having someone in the room to be present and fight against injustices. One day, I aspire to become a Member of Canadian Parliament. As I am actively working to obtain this goal, I have recently received an offer of Employment from the Government of Canada to become a House of Commons Page!

I believe attending Canada’s most bilingual university and epicenter of politics will help give the opportunities I desire to help achieve my future goals. In granting me a scholarship, you will help make my future possible.