



ELIZABETH C.

Age: 18
Sophomore at Trinity
Washington University

*Inquisitive
Determination
Natural Leader
Respectful
Generous
Friendly
Great personality*



A native Washingtonian with roots in El Salvador, Elizabeth is a student at Trinity Washington University where she's studying nursing while playing soccer on the collegiate level AND working part-time at a dentist's office.

Elizabeth's core belief is that one should give back to the community, and she plans to use her nursing education to help people on a global scale. She's planning to use her XOL experience to "join and volunteer in other programs" while "exploring new events that are not part of the United States or my home town in El Salvador".

Interests: Volunteer work, playing soccer

Future Plans: To graduate from college, become a Nurse, pursue a masters degree

Biggest Dream: To open a clinic

ZEFER T.

Age: 18
Grade: 12

*Determination
Desire to learn
Positive outlook
Kind
Polite
Responsible*



Zefer is an amazingly strong, independent, courageous young woman, having travelled to the United States on her own; when the war situation in her home country of Eritrea, proved dangerous for her family and they wanted her to have the opportunity for a safer, better life.

Zefer is an honor roll student, boasting a 3.8 GPA and plans to become a Doctor, because of her desire to help people who are less fortunate. She states, "when I come back to the United States, I will tell people how good it feels to help people in need, and why they should do it in their communities. I will also share my experiences through stories and pictures. I will help them discover, as I did, the wonderful parts of Africa".

Interests: Swimming, reading

Future Plans: To become a Doctor or Pharmacist

Biggest Dream: Contributing to the medical field in a meaningful and caring way

KIYA G.

Age: 16
Grade: 12

*Intelligent (3.3)
Inquisitive
Charismatic
Caring
Compassionate
Optimistic*



Kiya, who happens to be a twin, is eager to learn, and is "one of the stars" of the Mayo Angelo Public Charter School where she's an Honors student and was recently selected to the National Honor Society. She is on the debate team and recently was recognized in an area-wide mock trial competition.

Kiya has a passion for helping others, and wants to experience this trip in order to help girls living in situations like hers.

Interests: Poetry writing, aspiring fashion designer, debating, helping children

Future Plans: To become an Attorney; be an advocate for children in foster care

Biggest Dream: To spend a day with Beyonce and encourage her to help young girls who are less fortunate

ADRIANE C.

Age: 17
Entering Freshman -
Trinity Washington
University

*Insightful
Intuitive
Compassionate
Hard working
Genuine
Eager to Learn*



Adriane is ready for new opportunities, and is excited about her trip, as she has been in Northwest DC all her life. Naturally shy and reserved, Adriane feels “very fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to do this”, and she is ready to step outside her comfort zone to discover the world and HER place in it.

A respected student at Columbia Heights Educational Campus among her teachers and peers, Adriane makes education her priority, serving as the Treasurer of the student government. Despite challenges, Adriane embodies positive energy and the commitment and eagerness to learn and grow – with compassion, intuition, and a unique perspective.

Interests: Listening to music, playing soduko, meeting new people, helping people and animals
Future Plans: Studying criminal justice to become a Federal Agent or Detective
Biggest Dream: To be happy and successful and love my career

IESHIA J.

Age: 16
Grade: 12

*Energetic
Enthusiastic
Caring
Mature*



“When Do We Leave”? is the question Ieshia posed at the end of her interview for the XOL journey to South Africa. Her charisma is contagious; her charm infectious; her magnetism kinetic. An active role model and friend, Ieshia once thought that attending college wasn't possible; she's now working hard on her grades while actively participating in her school's dance team ... dreaming of college and become a nurse or a doctor one day.

Interests: Dancing, music, walking, playing tennis
Future Plans: College and become a Nurse or professional Dancer
Biggest Dream: To get to know my father

ISRAELLE B.

Age: 16
Grade: 11

*Bright
Dedicated
Skilled
Perseverance*



Israelle is an energetic, creative and very well rounded young lady who loves to play sports (karate and basketball), laugh and experience life. She has big dreams and is the type of person that wants to “be known across the world” for their good works.

Interests: Listening to music, spending time with friends, laughing & experiencing life
Future Plans: Go to college and major in a medical field or law enforcement
Biggest Dream: To be successful at what I do and be known across the world

KRISTIN W.

Age: 18
Grade: GED

Entering UDC in January

*Great potential
Bright
Intelligent
Thoughtful*



Kristin is a very thoughtful and adventurous young woman. Her desire to travel to South Africa is rooted in the belief that there is a much larger world than D.C., and that she can grow and learn by moving beyond her immediate surroundings.

Interests: Drawing, helping younger children, interested in environmental issues
Future plans: To go to college to become a Nurse
Biggest Dream: For the earth to be healthy

RONETTA M.

Age: 17
Grade: 12

*Energetic
Charismatic
Witty
Smart
Engaging*



Ronetta is an inspirational young lady. Described by those closest to her as: “a survivor--a young lady who perseveres despite adversity; is focused on education; and eager to change and grow”. Ronetta possesses a keen knowledge of global culture and how the politics of South Africa have mirrored American politics (apartheid vs. slavery) over the past centuries. A strong student, she is excited about learning everything she can about South African culture ... and then parlaying that knowledge to help her friends and peers dream and achieve their dreams.

Interests: Drawing, writing, double-dutch
Future Plans: Becoming a strong, successful woman
Biggest Dream: Own a successful law firm