

Lidia Wossen

Inspiration can come from just about anywhere, if you choose to see it for what it is. Just ask Southeast Career Technical Academy senior Lidia Wossen, who attributes her success as much to her own hard work and dedication as the support of her family, friends and peers. Recognizing inspiration is one thing, applying it another, and she does so with apparent ease, pushing beyond the high goals she sets for herself with great forward momentum. Her tireless effort and drive, combined with a desire to pay it forward through compassionate deeds and a grateful demeanor, are the kind of qualities that elevate Lidia Wossen to— A Step Above.

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Sports/Activities:

- Freshman Basketball, 2012-2013; Varsity Basketball, 2013-Present; Varsity Basketball Captain, 2015-Present
- Hope Baptist Church Choir, 2012
- Vision Entertainment Inc. Acting School, 2012
- Glee Club, 2015
- Student Council, 2012-Present; Freshman Class Vice President, 2012-2013; Sophomore Class President, 2013-2014; Junior Class President, 2014-2015; Student Body President, 2015-Present
- National Honor Society, 2013-Present
- Ambassadors, 2014-Present

Awards/Community Service:

- Freshman Coach's Award, 2012-2013
- Varsity Coach's Award, 2013-2015
- Scholar Athlete Award, 2016
- St. Jude's Night of Lights, 2013-2014
- Goodie Two Shoes Rockin' Walk, 2013-2014
- Salvation Army Food Drive, 2015
- Courtney Middle School Clean-up, 2012-2015
- Ironman Triathlon, 2012-2015
- PB & J-athon, 2012-2015
- Cartwright Elementary School Halloween Carnival, 2013-2015
- Paseo Verde Library Volunteer, 2014-2015
- Sunrise Children's Hospital Junior Volunteer, 2014-Present

What's on your post high school agenda? "I plan to pass the accredited national Certified Nursing Assistant Licensing Exam as soon as I graduate from high school and attend college in order to pursue a career in pre-med and become a pediatrician. And, although Las Vegas has been my home for all my life, I plan to move to a different city to experience a new diverse culture and embark in new adventures."

What personal skills or qualities do you think will most help you achieve your goals? "The heart and dedication I hold within allow me to strive far beyond the high standards I set for myself. I have a strong desire to help and lead others that not only teaches me new and innovative ways but also gives me the opportunity to grow as an individual. The strong friendships and bonds I've been able to create over the years, too. I wouldn't be who I am today and accomplish all the things I've been able to without my family and the people in my life."

Family is obviously very important to you. How has your family influenced the person you are today? "Last year, I unfortunately experienced the traumatic loss of my father. It not only pushed me to become a stronger individual for my family but for myself as well. The wisdom, encouragement and love that my father gave me all through my life lives through the decisions and actions I take every day. Life is too short to take any of it for granted, and we should cherish every single moment we get."

You seem to draw inspiration from many sources. Anyone else you want to mention? "My high school counselor, Ms. Katherine DeSimone, is an impeccable role model to me. She consistently drives herself to exceed her high standards, has a strong work ethic, works amazingly with others, and has the best heart. I will forever be grateful for the long-lasting impression she's left on me that pushes me forward each and every single day."