

Young Sister On the Rise Essay

Hello to all,

My name is Brittany S.S. Hardin and I am in the process of making a smooth transition from a child to an adult. At this stage in my life I am Childfree, STD free and drug free. I am a healthy and active seventeen-year-old who is involved in sports, clubs and employment. I maintain above a 3.0 GPA and have a goal of becoming a prestigious African-American woman that will make history. Sisterhood Agenda has helped me to stay focused on doing something with my life and my potential. The program itself taught me to be proud of my ethnic group and of my culture. It has taught me to be cognizant of a person for their personality and talents not for their clothes, their money or their popularity. Sisterhood Agenda showed me that most of the famous black women began as I, a young eager teen with a goal and dream of one day becoming the next best thing. Sisterhood Agenda has helped me to understand that with focus, will power and time I too can stand next to Denzel Washington on the cover of Jet magazine. Due to the lessons learned at Sisterhood Agenda, I have matured more as a person and have acquired knowledge, which has helped me to understand myself as a person and to mentally grow stronger.

The women at Sisterhood Agenda make the program a great experience. They are the role models for the young females who have graduated and now participate in Sisters In Action. The women at Sisterhood Agenda are always open minded and willing to converse. They have the ability to be your friend but at the same time well respected adults. The goal of Sisterhood Agenda are reflected through the guidance and teaching of the women at Sisterhood Agenda. They practice what they preach and hold true their word. They along with other women of America are examples of how understanding yourself, your culture, and your potential you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. The ability for these women to teach the goals of sisterhood, self-knowledge, self-development and self-esteem, and to exhibit them on a daily basis inspires young females like myself to go the extra mile even when the water is gone and the heat is unbearable. I hope that by following their examples and teachings I too can be a successful African American female and an epitome of Sisterhood Agenda.

As a young adult, I have goals and am active in school, sports and other activities with my community. Sometimes I have to go an extra mile seemed long, and rough and I felt like giving up. The thought of submission wasn't a bad idea; I began to think of all the successful people who had given up when the road became rocky. I played pros and cons with a future after submission to the challenges that I was facing. As I juggled the thoughts and images through my mind, I relaxed on my bedroom floor where I began to let my eyes wonder around my decorated walls. I followed the line leading from my window to a poster I made in my tenth grade math class. After staring at my artwork, I noticed the card my mother had given me on my twelfth birthday hanging below it. I lazily looked it over at first noticing the exalted female drawn on the cover, then at once, my attention was transfixed on the sentence above the artistically drawn character it read: "Baby girl, I'm so proud of you." I re-read the sentence and allowed it to echo over and over in my mind, bringing with each echo a vivid memory of someone who encouraged me to always go the distance even when I felt I couldn't. At once I sat up and thought of all people who had invested time, money, and energy all because they believed that I have the potential to be successful. I knew if I submitted to the challenges life handed me that I would be a failure to myself and to those who believed in me. At that point I decided that if at anytime I felt like giving up I would look to that sentence on my birthday card for courage and strength to continue along the road to success, even if I have to go an extra mile.