

High School Woman of Excellence & Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

Godis Jackson

Baton Rouge Magnet High School – Baton Rouge



Godis Jackson is the daughter of Valencia and John Jackson and the older sister of Loveis Jackson. Godis is a native of Baton Rouge and a recent alumna of Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

During her high school years, she was a member of the junior varsity volleyball team as well as numerous clubs, most notable of which are Youth and Government, Mock Trial, DECA, National Honor Society and Student Government Association (SGA). For the past three years, Godis served as team captain of one of the Mock Trial teams, and for the last year she served as SGA Vice President and as a Co-President of her school's DECA (international business club) chapter. Within these clubs, she has been recognized for her leadership, accomplishments and service to her school, peers and community. Through her clubs alone, she has completed over 60 hours of community service, been selected best witness and attorney multiple times in Mock Trial competitions, and placed at the state and international level in DECA competitions.

Outside of school, Godis works and pursues activities both for fun and that are geared towards her career goals. Currently, she is employed as a math instructor at Mathnasium and interns with the office of Mayor-President Melvin L. "Kip" Holden where she helps coordinate the East Baton Rouge Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Over the course of her four high school summers, she's won a national financial literacy competition, taken a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and pilgrimage to

the Holy Land, was selected to attend National Student Leadership Conference where she participated in a tour of the Pentagon, and attended Louisiana Girls State where she was one of two girls chosen to represent Louisiana at Girls Nation and meet with President Barack Obama at the Whitehouse. As a reprieve from her daily tasks, Godis enjoys writing, performing, and listening to spoken word. She is a member of Wordcrew, a local youth spoken word organization, and has received awards for her poetry and has had the distinction of having her work published in multiple literary journals.

Before graduating, Godis was nominated for Student of the Year, named an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction, and awarded the Questbridge National Scholarship. After being admitted to 11 schools, waitlisted at one of the Ivies, and offered an option to transfer sophomore year to Cornell University (another member of the Ivy League), Godis has chosen to attend the number one liberal arts college in the nation (as ranked by Forbes) Pomona College in Claremont, California and pursue a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, politics, and economics. With a 9.1 percent acceptance rate, Godis feels blessed to have the opportunity to attend in the fall of 2016. Godis lives by the quote "make no small plans for they have no power to stir men's blood" and eagerly awaits the legacy she will leave upon the world as she pursues her passions in education, financial literacy, public policy, and public service.