

“Success is born out of faith, undying passion and relentless drive.” ~unknown~. My name is Abigail Edwards, I am from Kingston, Jamaica. As a young adult I have been faced with many challenges throughout life and with the help of my creator, my family and my friends I have been able to excel in spite of these hurdles. When I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Shortwood Practising Infant Primary and Junior High school I experienced the devastating loss of my mother as she lost her battle with pancreatic cancer three months before my GSAT Examination.

With the constant support of my family, praying without ceasing and my relentless drive to make her proud I went into the examination and did by best. I was greatly rewarded with the privilege of attending one of the schools of my choice, The Queen’s School. At this institution, amidst my financial challenges at times I was able to work tremendously hard to achieve my dream of becoming a Lawyer and then a Judge in my late future. At this institution I received many prestigious awards such as consistently being on the Honour Roll throughout all my years at high school, being an Environmental Monitor, receiving the award of academic excellence at every prize giving, receiving a citizenship award in my 4<sup>th</sup> year at this institution and upon leaving an award for Academic Excellence in my CSEC examinations.

After doing my CSEC examinations, my family was shattered with the death of my 26 - year - old cousin in 2018, which placed a strain on me because I was in shock that he passed away so soon and with this great loss I had to be considering my future of attending a sixth form in order to accomplish my dream of being a Lawyer. In spite of the struggle and heartache I pushed with the strength that I had left and applied for The Ardenne High School Sixth Form Programme in which I was accepted. At this tremendous institution I had the distinction of becoming a Form Prefect, a Hospitality Prefect, the President of the Optimist Club, the Vice-President of the 4H Club, The Director of Fundraising and Membership of the Interact Club and being a Form

Monitor. At this institution I also engaged in numerous acts of volunteerism by helping those who are most in need in the best way that I can. After sitting both Unit 1 and Unit 2 subjects at the CAPE level in 2019 I received the award of Academic Excellence in CAPE Examinations and was placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Jamaica in Literatures in English Unit 2.

In spite of my financial difficulties I plan to further my education in late August at the University of the West Indies at the Faculty of Law. With the help of the Atlanta Jamaican Scholarship my dream has become more possible. I strongly believe that your passion and drive of pursuing your dreams surpasses any difficulty that may come along the way. Use any obstacle that may stand in your way as fuel for your engine to go on. Never stop fighting for what you believe in. Your hopes and dreams are in reach despite your background or challenges that you may face.