



Community Foundation Norman Goldfarb Award
Youth Award



Claudine Karambizi

Mature beyond her years, Claudine and her family arrived in Buffalo in 2004 as refugees from Rwanda. She lost her father at 11 months old, and although he never made it into America with them, his passion for helping others has motivated her to a cause greater than oneself. Her mother and siblings have worked hard protecting and nurturing her, stressing the value of education as the means by which they could improve their future.

A compassionate student at Nardin Academy, Claudine is Co-President of the Diversity Club, the President of School Service and is involved in numerous extracurricular and service activities. She has been a Teaching Assistant and Mentor at Buffalo Prep since 2014, where she is universally admired for wisdom, generosity of spirit and altruism.

While helping students academically, Claudine also helps them develop respectful interactions. She has facilitated discussions on cultural diversity with peers and teachers of various backgrounds.

Claudine's commitment to social justice and inclusivity are reflected in her volunteer involvements at Nardin, Buffalo Prep, and our wider community. She takes seriously the ideals of equity and justice for all and intends to become an OB-GYN so she can become part of her family's tradition of healing.

For her work to bridge race and religion by bringing people together and building sense of community, we are proud to present on behalf of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, the Norman Goldfarb Youth Award to Claudine Karambizi.



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