

D’Nyah Jefferson-Philmore



D’Nyah Jefferson-Philmore graduated from the Academy at Palumbo in June 2022, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and earned a Distinguished Honors GPA of 4.09. D’Nyah has been an Honor Roll student since kindergarten and has also maintained a perfect attendance record from kindergarten through graduation. Student activities that D’Nyah participated in were the Ivy AKAdemy Mentoring Program, the Constitution Generals Cheerleaders and leading Black History celebrations since 2018 at Ms. Carol’s Center for Dance.

This effervescent young lady will be attending **Howard University** in the fall, majoring in Communications. She aspires to be a life learner, servant leader, and educator to uplift her community. Her dream is to become *“America’s next premiere news anchor.”*

D’Nyah is described by her teachers as an infectiously positive, creative, hard-working, and outgoing student. She is also described as a complex thinker, a collaborative communicator, and a morale booster, especially, during the pandemic, in the virtual classroom discussions where her contributions aided in the development of nuanced discussions. D’Nyah enjoys performance poetry and has written a manuscript of poems for self-publication on Amazon. She has also published poems in the Library of Congress and won several First, Second and Third place standings in Science Fairs between 2014-2018. During the pandemic she used her gift for writing to send letters to elders at an area nursing home, with hopes of uplifting their spirits and to let them know they were important members of her community.

D’Nyah loves dance and uses it to express herself. Currently she is a student teacher at the CCD School of Dance, where she supports young dancers with warm-ups, routines, and one-on-one dance instructions. She is captain of the SMZ Dance Ministry, and supports Praise for the Cure fundraisers. Other service projects that she has participated in over the years include the Broad Street Run, and giving back to others in need through donating care packages to the local Community Fridge and the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge. Even with her many school and volunteer activities, D’Nyah is a reliable employee with a well-known food chain.

At the end of D’Nyah’s application essay, she wrote **Mission Unstoppable** in bold letters. We believe her! ■