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Future Leaders Academy Welcomes Next Generation of Leaders

We are pleased to introduce our second cohort of Future Leaders Academy members. These high-achieving students are currently following our 5-module leadership training curriculum presented by Ryan Goulart and LaCresia King. Once this formal training is complete, each Future Leader will begin a 12-month mentoring partnership, collaborating one-on-one with a likeminded professional to reinforce the leadership training principals and work toward achieving individually defined goals.

Meet our 2023-2024 Future Leaders:

- **Elijah** is a student at Harding High School in St Paul, Minnesota. Elijah aspires to be a neuroscientist and is already enrolled in U of Minnesota courses to further his career goals. He is also an accomplished guitar soloist and musician.
- **Hawa** attends Humboldt High School in St Paul, Minnesota. She is the founder of Humboldt's African Student Association (ASA) and plans to start a non-profit in Ethiopia, where her parents lived prior to immigrating to



the U.S. In working to gain approval from Humboldt administrators to start the ASA, Hawa demonstrated exceptional perseverance and true leadership.

- Adaolisa is a senior at Edina High School in Edina, Minnesota, where she is regarded as an outstanding student-leader by faculty. Adaolisa is interested in psychology and is currently considering her many college options for fall 2023. As a participant in the A Better Chance program, Adaolisa lives in Edina, while her parents, who immigrated to the U.S. from Nigeria, live in Miami, Florida.
- **Ibrahima** is in the middle of his 3rd semester at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he has already established himself as a student leader. He is interested in computer science, especially the field of cybersecurity. Ibrahima was born in the U.S. and grew up in Guinea, where he lived until entering college at St. Cloud State last year.

We're excited to see how these young leaders develop through the Future Leaders Academy and beyond.

If you are interested in mentoring one of these young leaders, please apply <u>here.</u>

Would you like to support the Future Leaders Academy? Make your tax-deductible donation <u>here</u>.

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