

Nahom Berhane Scholarship

Biography for Melanie Manning

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For 5 years, she has worked with a charity named *Teamwork Children's Services International* where she fundraised within elementary schools to support the tuition costs of orphaned and disadvantaged Kenyan students. She was a student trustee for the Durham District School Board and represented over 20, 000 student voices within her area at the board of trustees. As member of student council for 4 years and now prime minister, she has contributed to numerous school initiatives such as STAR councilor (Students Together Against Racism) and Grade 9 Mentorship Project Leader. She has an entrepreneurial spirit and started her own tutoring business in March 2011 for grades 1-9 in English, French, Math and Science. She was honored with the Activating Student Success Award from the Durham Black Educators Network, for excellent work within the black community and academic achievement. Additionally, she was selected at Julie Payette elementary school for their "Successful Black Leaders in Durham" wall during Black History Month, as an example to youth at the school. In the near future, she will be pursuing a degree in Nursing, and hopes to work with Doctors Without Borders or The Red Cross to provide health care to those most in need.