

LADMO ~ Ny'Quenta Strong

In the seven years that Ny'Quenta has been a member of the Ladmo Branch-Tempe, she has participated in many activities that have strengthened her leadership abilities. Her first opportunity was as a Leader in Training (LIT) where she dedicated 40 hours each week during summer vacation to help run the Summer Day Camp program at the Ladmo Branch. Ny'Quenta's dedication to this role was unwavering; acting as an LIT for 4 summers, beyond the traditional 2 year commitment. As an active participant in Keystone, a service and leadership group for Club teens, she frequently initiates service projects and activities to engage teens in youth development. Ny'Quenta motivates her peers to participate in Club programs that strengthen their skills in academics, healthy lifestyles and developing strong character.

Ny'Quenta is just as dedicated to her education, and academic success is one of her highest priorities. In addition to maintaining outstanding academic achievement in the Maricopa Community College ACE (Achieving a College Education) program, NyQuenta has worked to develop her skills as an outstanding student. She attends Mesa Community College year round and maintains a 3.2 GPA in both college and high school classes. She has challenged herself by taking Honors courses on top of her already strenuous college schedule, so that when she graduates from Tempe High School this spring, she will be prepared to take on college life at Arizona State University.

Quenta would like to pursue graduate studies in engineering, psychology and sociology, and she believes this course of study will prepare her for a career in civil service with our nation's highest law enforcement bodies. Quenta's work ethic has prepared her to achieve her career goals of serving as an innovative computer engineer with the FBI.

Ny'Quenta credits the Club with being a support to her future success, and says The Club gave her hope when she needed it most.

Ny'Quenta stated, "The Club has instilled in me life lessons that will make me a better problem solver and student, and hopefully a good and positive example for the younger club members."