

KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

Student Profile

Name: **Jeffrey Kanyama**
Gender: Male
Date of birth: 19th August 1993
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia
Mother: Violet Tembo
Profession: Office Assistant
Father: Deceased



Primary School: Chibelo Basic School
Secondary School: **Leopards Hill Secondary School**

Current Occupation: **Student at African Leadership Academy in South Africa**

2011 Level: **Graduated**

Family Background:

Jeffrey is the youngest of five children and has been raised by his mother. Violet works as an office assistant for an organization that works in malaria prevention. Sadly, Jeffrey never knew his father very well, who passed away in 1998. Jeffrey's mother Violet has always lived in Lusaka and raised her family there. Prior to her current position, she worked in different places as a housemaid.

Violet's oldest child, Jeffrey's sister, is now a married woman and also working as a maid. The second and third children are 24 and 22 respectively both not working. The fourth, Jeffrey's brother named Kelvin, is currently in Grade 11 at Lusaka Boys Secondary School. Finally, Violet takes care of a niece also, who is 12 years old and will be starting grade 8 next year. Mrs. Tembo says that since being part of KF her family has experienced significant improvements. She is now able to send precious to grade 8 and possibly Kelvin to college. She is even thinking about going back and finishing grade 9 herself.

Jeffrey's Educational Background:

Primary - Chibelo Basic School

KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

Jeffrey attended Chibelo School from Grade 1 through 7 and maintained an extraordinary academic standing. He was an extremely high-achieving and gifted student, who earned the top position in his class from Grade 1 to Grade 7.

At Leopards Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

Jeffrey was a shining example of academic excellence during his first year at Leopards Hill. He won various awards for being first in specific subjects including a calculator in Mathematics, a textbook in Civics, a textbook in Information Technology, a dictionary in French, and a picture frame in Office Practice.

Grade 9

In grade 9 Jeffrey continued to obtain high marks in his various subjects. The competition this year stiffened as other KF students battled for the top positions in his class. He still managed to maintain his position among the top four students in the class, which is quite an accomplishment.

Grade 10

Jeffrey had an outstanding year. He was selected by his peers to act as class monitor and, as such, was responsible for keeping order in his class, collecting assignments, and making sure the classroom was orderly. He said his classmates recognize him as conscientious understanding—he regularly helps his classmates with their work in math and science.

Grade 10 Academic Achievements:

- 1st position in Physics, Additional Mathematics and Chemistry
- 2nd position in Mathematics, Religious Education, Biology and Literature

Grade 11

Jeffrey continues to be one of KF's star pupils. He has remained at the top of his class during terms one and two, and he continues to excel in all of his subjects, particularly in math and science. Though Additional Maths has been a challenge for him, he has still managed to earn a 78% for term two, seventeen points above the class average. He finished term three in second position with 4 As and 3 A+s! At the prize giving day at the end of the year, Jeffrey was a star, taking home five awards: best in chemistry, additional mathematics, religious education, and mathematics, and best overall student in grade 11. Because of his success, Jeffrey was selected as an academic prefect for next year.

KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

Grade 12

Jeffrey finished his secondary education on a high note, once again coming 1st in his class for Terms 1 and 2. He has done particularly well in History, Maths and Religious Education. In Term 1, he was awarded the best cross country runner at his school, and received 4th place at the regional competition. But perhaps the crowning achievement of this year came with his acceptance into the African Leadership Academy in South Africa, a prestigious A Levels program which selects the most promising leaders from across the continent. This September, he prepares to embark on the next phase of his academic journey and we wish him much more of the great success he has already found.

Jeffrey's Interests:

At Leopards Hill Jeffrey is a member of the JETS club which teaches him how to debate and think quickly under pressure. He feels he has become quicker at giving accurate answers to certain questions. He is also a talented gymnast and has become more flexible and able to do various stunts. He talks a lot about how he has helped his classmates improve in gymnastics. Jeffrey is also a talented rapper, displaying his talent during a performance at the 2010 prize-giving day. He also enjoys drawing, specifically portraits of people and cars. He is a member of the Leopard's Hill soccer team, playing both striker and keeper, with his flexibility helping him save even the hardest shots. Jeffrey has also been very successful on the field, winning four rounds of the school open race running competition. In 2010, he had the opportunity to participate in the Global Service Summit, which he described as a highlight of that year.

Community Service

During his holidays, Jeffrey, along with two other KF students, Japhet and Abram, spearheads a project to tutor children in the compounds who do not attend school ("street children"). They divide the children by ability and then help them with reading and math basics. Jeffrey said that it is at times difficult to control so many kids, however, with the help of Japhet and Abram, they can see that the students are making progress. He says, "The children have benefited so much that since their parents did not complete their education, they also want us to be teaching them how to read write and speak English."

Jeffrey's Career Interests and Work Experience:

While Jeffrey once wanted to become a teacher, his aspirations have changed over time—because of his love of science and math, he has expressed a goal of becoming an engineer or doctor. Jeffrey hopes to one day be like his uncle, a doctor, who is

KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

able to save lives and act as a leader within his family and community. During his Work Experience Jeffrey spent a week at an engineering firm. He said he was impressed by the detail-oriented nature of engineering—“small mistake can ruin the entire project.” He also was able to watch as the engineers planned elaborate drawings on the computer and then implement plans at construction sites. Jeffrey says that the experience made him think more seriously about the possibility of becoming an engineer.

What the teachers think of Jeffrey:

Jeffrey’s teachers say that he is intelligent, well behaved, and extremely focused.

Jeffrey’s Thoughts

“I thank KF members for everything they have done for me. We don’t have to buy text books from anywhere, and we have enough clothes, shoes, and beddings. I appreciate the advice that we shouldn’t compare ourselves to other people because we know what we came here to do. This helps me control myself whenever anyone troubles me because I remember why I am here.”

Regarding his imminent departure for ALA, he says he wants to “get good leadership qualities, and hopes to use them in the future to help Africa.”