

**Joshua McDonald** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Bates Academy. **Joshua** was born at Sinai Grace Hospital on January 16, 2001. That is a hospital in Detroit, Michigan. **Joshua's** parents names are Priscilla McDonald and Raynel McDonald. **Joshua** has 2 brothers named Justin and Jordan. Justin is **Joshua's** older brother. Jordan is **Joshua's** younger brother.

**Joshua** attended 2 schools. The schools that were attended are:

- Bradford Academy
- Bates Academy

**Joshua** has many aspirations in his life. **Joshua** aspires to play professional basketball, become a famous person, and/or be a mechanical engineer. **Joshua** has wanted to play basketball since he was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **Joshua's** favorite player is Kevin Durant. Basketball then making **Joshua** famous.

**Joshua** has made goals for himself to achieve this school year. The goals are to get a 4.0 GPA, make the basketball team, get no lower than a 3.5, and make the starting lineup. **Joshua** accomplished 3 of the four. **Joshua** received a 4.0 his 2<sup>nd</sup> card marking. **Joshua** has many accomplishments he is proud of. Some are: playing on his first basketball team, making it to the championship, scoring his first points, and getting his first 4.0. These are his most prized accomplishments.

One African American **Joshua** compares himself to is Kevin Durant. This is because they both have a great work ethic. Another reason is because they both love the game of basketball. Kevin Durant is influential because by seeing how hard he works **Joshua** wants to work hard to do better. Another African American figure is Martin Luther King Jr. who influences people to make the world a better place. These are to African Americans who influence **Joshua**.

*I can accept failure. Everyone fails a something. But I can't accept not trying ~ Michael Jordan.*

