

#ThinkABILITY

EDWIN JONES, III

Edwin Jones, III is a 16-year-old junior at John Ehret High School. During his early childhood years, he was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and hypertension. However, he has never let this stop him from achieving success. He was even named “Student of the Year” in elementary school.

Since junior high school, Edwin has attended mainstreamed regular academic classes. He has been a 4.0 GPA Scholar for many years. He loves all his classes, especially math and science.

During the 2016 Essence Fest, he had the honor to meet Astronaut Glover and discussed his love for science and math with him.

From an extracurricular perspective, Edwin is on the Children’s Hospital Miracle League teams for baseball, basketball, and soccer. He is a member of



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the JoJo's Hope swim team, and for the past six years, he swam in the Louisiana State Special Olympics annual swim meets. During these meets, he won many gold and bronze medals. Recently, he competed in a mainstream swim meet for the USA Swim Meet at the University of New Orleans. This meet also included competition against the LSU Men's Swim Team.

He is a 10-year member of the Champion's Club, an organization for high school and college-age students with differences. He independently applied and interviewed for a volunteer position at the Jefferson Parish Library. Also, he visited the University of Alabama's Autism College Transition Program as he considers which college he wishes to attend. Edwin wants to be a teacher and filmmaker.

Edwin is very knowledgeable in sports, history, and politics. He firmly believes that although he has autism, it only means he learns things differently but he still can definitely learn and achieve. We are so proud of him!



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