

Youth of the Year - James Clary

James Christopher Clary is a senior at Henry Abbott Technical High School in Danbury, CT. Throughout the course of his studies he has consistently maintained his studious nature and has evolved from an adolescent into an analytical and professional young man. He is well respected among staff members and students at HATS who view James as a leader among his peers. In addition, his strong work ethic has lead him to receiving an employee of the month award within four months of employment as well as a promotion to shift crew trainer at McDonald's where he dedicated his service for over two years.

Extremely proud of his African American heritage, he has strived to enlighten those around him of the social plight of African Americans in society as well as other ethnic groups. James plans to continue as an advocate for African American affairs and looks forward to becoming involved in on campus minority organizations as a freshman at Southern Connecticut State University, (SCSU) when he begins there in the fall of 2016.

James enjoys being immersed in different cultures through language, literature and art. He will take advantage of the study abroad program at SCSU. One of his future endeavors includes studying and living on his own in a foreign country.