

IMMIGRANTPOWER

Immigrant Eman Hagos accomplished all her goals through high school. She says she is ready for college.

Four years ago when she first got to America, senior Eman Hagos wouldn't imagine herself graduating from high school with a GPA of 3.6. All she could think about was if she would ever get used to the American school system. Like everybody, she was afraid of going to a new school and meeting new people.

"When I first came to the United States I was thinking if I would ever adapt to a new schools system and new friends. I was so afraid of feeling like an outsider all the time. But gradually, those feelings faded away. At first I didn't even know what a GPA was," Hagos said.

Hoover High School was the first school she would attend once she got to America, and like everyone else, Hagos was nervous thinking about getting involved with different people with different cultures.

"I remember my first day of school clearly. The first two blocks went by really fast because I was distracted with the things that were going on around me. During lunch time, I remember I really didn't eat anything because I didn't know if they were serving pork or not. At the end of the day I was so exhausted from all the new stuff," Hagos said.

Her teachers and friends admire how hardworking and dedicated she is in school.

"I really admire how strong she is and how she never gives up on anything," senior Tam Cao said.

They believe she will be successful in life for her

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everyday dedication. She has been so focused in school that made Hagos one of the few ELL students that were part of the Student of All Seasons assembly. This award recognizes students that have shown excellent performance throughout high school.

"I think that working hard and trying my best in all my classes were the reasons that made me a Student of All Seasons. I was so happy, I felt like my heart was about to explode because. It is good to know that someone thinks that you deserve the award and that your efforts aren't going unnoticed," Hagos said.

Hagos' plans for after high school are to go to DMACC for the first two years and then transfer to a university to get a bachelor's degree.

"At this moment I can't decide between environmental engineering or nutrition and dietetics. Hopefully I will figure it out before summer ends," Hagos said.

Hagos' teachers admire her dedication to learning and her strong confidence she has in herself and give her some advice that they hope she can take.

"Continue seeing learning as an adventure. Stay strong in your belief and don't get discouraged by the difficult times. Look for the positives in negative situations and use them as life teachable moments," ELL teacher Janiece Ochoa said.



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