

Asma Amin

WEARING A BLUE SWEATSHIRT, sweatpants, her hair down and her face beat, Asma Amin shows up winded in study room A at the library with two friends. She carries a drink, which she begs Leena Taha '17 to try. After searching in her backpack, she distributes candy to everyone in the room.

"Oh, yeah, there's enough for all of us," Amin said smiling, as she hugs her knees.

Finding words to describe oneself might not be obvious, but friends always know.

"Open-minded," Amin said.

"Laid back," Taha said.

"And also when someone explains a situation to you, you understand it, like empathetic," Sarah Ahmed '17 said.

The most important theory that Amin has learned helped her be more open-minded.

"Everyone is on their own path. I think whatever they experience in the past, that literally makes up what they are today," she said. "We don't even know where we are originally from, where we went in the past. But that's what made us today."

"If anything, [open-mindedness] benefited me so much and made me so much more happy," she said. "The only doubt was, I wasn't sure if I would be able to apply it socially."

Her four years at West have been full of self-discoveries.

"Freshman year, I was just doing school like a regular student and sophomore year the same," she said. "But I learned a little bit more about myself my sophomore year. Junior year, I actually knew who I was, and then senior year I've actually been trying to apply the life values I learned and the values how to treat people."

"I understood more like everyone's on their own path, and so you gotta accommodate on whatever that person is like," she said.

"You can't generalize every teenager, like everyone is different." After brainstorming, Amin, Ahmed and Taha came up with three words to describe their senior year.

"Self-taught. Not literally not like self-taught. I mean like self-taught with myself. More awake. Woke," Amin said.

"Aware," Ahmed said.

"Conscious," Taha added, and the others agreed.

"Oh bittersweet, most definitely, because I'm gonna leave all these people," Amin said. "Self-taught, conscious, bittersweet. It is bittersweet for me because it's like ending a chapter, like khalas. But school is our whole life. I mean this is crazy."

Amin is sure which road to take after the high school chapter of her life closes.

"Not that I hope, I AM going to be a pilot. The ultimate goal is a corporate pilot, a pilot that flies for companies or a rich celebrity."

"I've done like ground school for flying and I started some fly hours and I did this camp sophomore year and basically any activities that I do are outside of school," she continued. "I started aviation things—like pilot—so I have books for that and I do some flight study at home."

Working toward her goal of becoming a pilot and flying for Delta has led to some of the proudest moments of her life.

"I flew a glitter, which is a no-engine airplane, and I learned how to fly it while I was in flight," she said. "That was my proudest moment ever, because I was able to do it and it was great and fun."

It's so true one's past serves to shape one's future. Amin's 10 years in gymnastics taught her a lesson she'll carry forever.

"I will always remember me being a gymnast because it was such a huge part of my life," she said. "Without gymnastics, I literally wouldn't be who I am today because I learned so many things ..."

"Growing up, we always have some kind of authority to listen to. So the way we go about it, that helps me today because I did it all the time when I was little. I always listened."

"I want people to see that what we're living in is so beautiful. I want to accomplish that. Changing other people's mindset for better, most definitely."

—By Diaba Keita

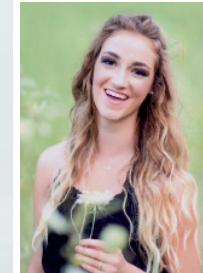
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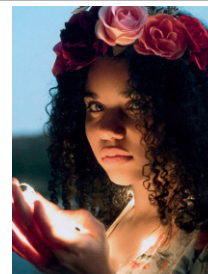
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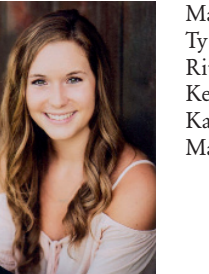
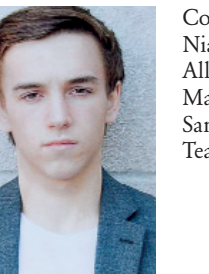
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