

HELP HTF-Epiphany Scholar Frantzcesca Jean-Charles



We are pleased to introduce you to **Frantzcesca Jean-Charles (law '23)**. Growing up in Pétion-ville, Frantzcesca's mother always told her that "when you excel in school, good things will come to you." When a HELP recruiting team visited her school, Frantzcesca says, "I thought this was a real opportunity and I committed myself to be one of the best students in my school in order to be eligible for the scholarship." And HELP has lived up to her hopes. "HELP is a real organization, and it operates transparently. We study in an appropriate setting and the rigor is palpable in all aspects of the program. Above all, HELP allows us to be global citizens and teaches us how to contribute to a better world

starting with our community." At the end of her second year, she reports, "in the fall I only had HELP classes; they went well. I spent a lot of time on them and I was able to go deeper into reading and research as a result. In March when school closed again, I was taking seven classes and they all moved online including Family Law, Civil Procedure, and Constitutional Law. There were lots of challenges! In addition to electricity and internet issues, my laptop was sometimes unreliable. I downloaded a voice-to-text program to work around my keyboard problems. It really helped me, it was like having a real clerk! I also found places where I could charge my devices when there wasn't electricity at home. My HELP stipend was really helpful for this. Many thanks to HELP and HTF for caring about our education even in the most difficult times." Frantzcesca's most recent grades have her on the Dean's List at Quisqueya University!