

Jashira BOLDEN *Miss Black International Ambassador 2020*



Jashira Bolden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jauwaylyn and Shirzell Bolden of Belleville, Illinois. During Jashira's Highschool Career, she has enjoyed being a part of the Prom Committee, student council, serving as the Secretary and Treasurer of her Junior Class, and being a member of the Varsity Competitive Dance Team.

Jashira Currently Attends Missouri Western State University, where she is a Political Science Major and Legal Studies Minor. At her University, she has served as a Residential Assistant, the Vice Chairwoman of the External Relations Committee, the first African American Homecoming Director and she is currently the Director of Student Involvement.

In addition to her activities at school, Jashira enjoys serving as the head coach of the Unity Lutheran Elementary School competitive dance team, and serving as the founder of the non-profit organization, "One Step @ A Time", which is an organization that raises funds for shelters in East St. Louis, Illinois.

She currently is a member of the East St. Louis NAACP, and has served as the President of the youth council. Jashira has also served several years as a member of the East St. Louis chapter of Top Teens of America, where she served as a member of the nominating committee. Her honors and awards include receiving the "Do the right thing award" in 2011, the "Excellence in Volunteerism Award" by the East St. Louis chapter of the National Council of Negro Women in 2012, the Belleville optimist club "Youth Of The Year Award", the "Top Youth Volunteer Award" and the "Youth of the year award" from the Prudential Spirit of Community service awards and Former President Barack Obama, where she was selected from over 3,000 nominees in 2013.

In 2015, she was honored by Mr. Hill Harper at his annual youth empowerment summit in St. Louis MO, and by The Top Ladies of Distinction as an "Extraordinary Woman for Outstanding Community Service". She is also the 2016 recipient of the NAACP East St. Louis branch "Millennium Award" as well as the First Place Winner of the "Charles H. Lawson III Scholarship Award". Jashira's hobbies include cooking, dancing, and serving others. Jashira is an active member of St. Augustine of Hippo Catholic Church, where she is an altar server, and a member of the Liturgical dance team. Jashira's guiding principle is "God never said the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile".

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