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## One-on-One with APS Students: Jeff Mugongo

Aurora Public Schools is filled with great students who are role models to their peers, families and community. Periodically, we like to catch up with our students to find out interesting facts and tidbits about them. Meet Aurora West College Preparatory Academy senior Jeff Mugongo.

### *How long have you been in Aurora Public Schools?*

I've been here since the seventh grade. My family and I came from Tanzania.

### *What has your transition from Africa to the United States been like so far?*

When I came here, it was hard for me. It was a whole new life for me. When I lived in Africa, we had no education. I didn't go to school for almost 10 years, so as a kid, I knew I needed to know how to read and write. English was the most complicated thing. But I kept going forward, and now I'm a senior.

### *What have you enjoyed the most about your time in APS?*

I get to be a mentor for the younger kids. They look up to me as a role model and that's something I really enjoy. I love helping other kids. I also get to help my school so much with translating [documents].

### *What are your plans once you graduate as part of the class of 2016?*

I am going to college next year. I just got accepted to Chadron State College. It's crazy because I didn't go to school for 10 years and now I'm going to college. I'm so excited.

### *What is the best piece of advice you ever received?*

My mom once told me, "Jeff, remember where you came from and try to go back and help others." She gave me the speech and it made me tear up.



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