

# Faces of Today and Tomorrow

Every one of our high school seniors is unique. Many of our students are involved in extracurricular activities inside and outside the walls of the classroom. The Faces of Today and Tomorrow video series celebrates the different strengths and interests of our students as they prepare for college, a career or the military.

New video interviews are typically posted on our website and social media every other Friday. Visit [bcs1.org/faces](http://bcs1.org/faces) to view the archived videos, featuring Alex Regna, Rachel Smith, Max Sevor, Amber Wegman and Latoya McNish, as highlighted below. We hope you enjoy this inside look at some of the amazing students that make up the Class of 2017.

*If you know a high school senior deserving of recognition, encourage him/her to fill out the questionnaire at [bcs1.org/seniorvideofrm](http://bcs1.org/seniorvideofrm).*

## Introducing Latoya McNish

Latoya McNish's ultimate desire in life is to help people. She is currently involved in Diversity Club, Environmental Club and National Honor Society, all of which align with her natural compassion for people. Additionally, McNish is enrolled in the New Visions medical program, where she is interning with nurses at Unity Hospital. McNish said she has wanted to become a nurse since she broke her arm in first grade.

"Just seeing the compassion of the doctors and nurses really made me want to be that for someone else," said McNish.

McNish said her internship gives her valuable insight into her future career and interacting with patients is her favorite part.

"You see people from all different walks of life and knowing their stories is inspiring to me," said McNish. "It just solidifies my want to be a nurse practitioner."

High School English Teacher Katie Contrera has known and watched McNish develop for the past four years. She said McNish been a successful student since the beginning, but her growth is truly visible by the impact she has on other students.

"Through the four years that I've known her, Latoya has been able to come out of her shell," said Contrera. "She is not only self-motivated, but now has the ability to motivate others with her positive attitude and her work ethic, qualities that others want to emulate."

Contrera said McNish pursues everything she does with 150 percent of her energy and is destined for success.

McNish has already been accepted into Roberts Wesleyan College, where she plans to pursue nursing. She intends to continue her education and earn an advanced degree, however her ultimate goal extends beyond a successful career.

"I want to be content with every aspect of my life, whether that be physically, economically, spiritually or financially," said McNish.

Giving back is one way in which McNish is achieving that goal. She loves the volunteer opportunities afforded to her through her various clubs and activities, such as organizing medical equipment to ship to less fortunate countries through a program called InterVol.

"Those experiences really just helped me appreciate life more, and what I have and who I have in my life," said McNish.

One person in particular that has been a role model for McNish is her mother. McNish said her mother's unwavering support has shaped her into the person she is today. She said her friends have also been instrumental in her journey towards inner growth.

"They teach me things about societal issues that I would've never known," said McNish. "They have really sparked my interest in knowing more about politics and wanting to learn more about our government and other issues. They really are a part of my evolution of self."

### Résumé

#### Today

- Diversity Club
- Environmental Club
- National Honor Society
- New Visions

#### Tomorrow

- Roberts Wesleyan College
- Advanced Degree
- Nurse Practitioner



Latoya McNish

Reflecting on her experience throughout school, McNish said she will always remember the students and teachers who formed an essential support system. One of her favorite high school memories is homecoming and the camaraderie surrounding it.

"Seeing everyone wearing Brockport blue and our class colors, cheering on our classmates, really makes me happy that everyone is enjoying the unity we have at Brockport," said McNish.

As she continues her journey through senior year and beyond, McNish said she will let her positive attitude lead the way.

