



Senior Spotlight

My name is Mehek Bhuyan and this is my sixth year in AIS. Born in India and brought up in Africa, I've been moving countries since I was two and half months old. Before Nigeria, I lived in various other countries such as Benin, South Africa, Cote D'Ivoire and Ghana, but Nigeria has been one of the longest so far. You can say I'm on some sort of African Safari with my little family of four that consists of my dad, my mom, my younger brother who's in sixth grade, and myself.

Since I've spent half of my school journey here, AIS has played a very important role in my life. From being a new student in middle school, to a growing student in high school, I've been an active member in numerous clubs that have helped me grow into a better person by letting me undertake new challenges and work with different people.

As a member and vice president of Citizens of the World Society, I've learned to help those around me, make our community a cleaner place, encourage environmentally friendly actions, organize donations and teach at a local school in Lekki. It's been a privilege to be able to work with a skilled executive team that only wishes for the best for our society.

After attending two Model United Nations conferences in Ghana and South Africa in ninth and tenth grade respectively, I decided to dedicate my time to the MUN club this year as president, whilst also working with an amazing executive team, to help prepare the upcoming and rising delegates who will be attending the THIMUN conference in Qatar in January, 2018. The joy in debating the current world affairs and finding solutions for the innumerable problems we all face today is beyond comparison. And there's no other way to be in touch with that feeling than being a part of MUN.

The list doesn't end there, though. I'm also involved in other after school clubs such as Photography, Prom, Eagle Press, and Stop the Bull (anti-bullying). Although these activities take up a large portion of my time, I have been persistently working towards (as a second brown belt karateka) achieving my black belt in Karate - only two more steps to go! I do intend to keep training in my university as well to attain the highest belt possible.

In this intricate maze of IB projects, assignments, sleepless nights, and cram sessions, I have been working hard to achieve my IB Diploma and be a contributing individual to our close-knit community. I'm a hundred percent sure that I've made some lifelong friends here and I've had to say goodbye to many as well. I'll miss my teachers a lot and it really hurts to think that soon I'll be saying goodbye to all of them - I do hope to meet some in the future though! I respect all the teachers at AIS who chose to travel across the world to teach us. There are no words that could describe the appreciation I have for their dedication and their roles in moulding me into the person I am today.

In the course of planning my future, I'm applying to universities from all over the world and even though it's heartbreaking to leave, I'm extremely glad that I got the chance to be a part of such a lively, diverse and welcoming school that truly makes life exciting and enjoyable everyday.

