



## Student Success Story

# Aime

PAIR Student &  
Westbury High School Graduate

Aime was born in Rwanda after his parents fled the Congo due to war. He lived in a refugee camp all his life until he came to the U.S. at the age of 16. Aime and his family were resettled in Seattle, WA, where he struggled with being in a new country, making new friends, and understanding his teachers.

During his senior year of high school, Aime moved to Houston. He started attending the PAIR after-school program at Westbury High School and working with an individual mentor in PAIR's Global Scholars program. Aime says, "PAIR boosted my determination in life. Before it, I had no idea what 'graduation' meant. I'm so thankful that the staff and mentors were there to explain to me and guide me on every step of the way. They held and are still holding my hand in this journey by taking me to college field trips, providing me with test preparation resources and hosting activities that help me gain social skills and improve my English."

This year, Aime graduated with his high school diploma and won a scholarship from Caring Friends. He will be attending Houston Community College with plans to transfer to a 4-year university. He will be studying mechanical engineering.