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Student Profile



YCLA Grad Michael Johnson Pursues Career in Visual Animation at IADT

Recent YCLA graduate Michael Johnson heads for the Loop this month as an incoming freshman at the International Academy of Design and Technology. With help from his advisor at YCLA about career choices, a couple of days to complete the admissions application, and \$50 from his mom for the application fee, Michael successfully secured a slot in the animation program.

“I was a bit nervous because everything is kind of new to me. I was nervous about taking out loans, but it’s for my education and my future. I’m ready to focus on something that I enjoy.”

Michael starts classes on July 11 and says he’s excited to jump right in this summer. “Not taking a break between high school and college keeps me motivated,” he said.

Michael credits the environment at YCLA for putting him back on track to finish high school.

“When I first went to YCLA as a senior I was a little nervous because I didn’t know anybody. My first experience was excellent! I was put in the right classes to make sure that I graduated. The teachers seemed like they actually cared with the one-on-one time. They call you when you don’t come to school. YCLA gave me so much help that benefitted me so much. I will never forget my teachers,” he said.

He especially credits Caia Brown, Career & Business Teacher. “Miss Brown was my educational and spiritual guidance. She would spend time with me after school and gave me knowledge about life on earth,” said Michael.

And Michael’s goals for his life? “I want to be successful and change the world in some kind of way. I’m going to fight for this. It’s a dream for me. I want to be that person known to help the world. I want to be happy.”

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