

Herbert Nyarko

This has been quite a year for Bronx Preparatory Charter School. In addition, this has also been quite a year for senior, Herbert Nyarko.

We expect to hear a lot more about Herbert Nyarko before he graduates. With a vision in mind, Herbert purchased a professional camera and began taking pictures at school events. “We don’t have any pictures of the stuff that goes on at school,” Herbert explained. “At the end of the year, everyone is always struggling to find pictures for the yearbook. So it ends up being ugly and pixelated pictures.” To combat this, Herbert took it upon himself to be at as many school events as possible. He would take pictures and put them in an album for students and faculty to access. It wasn’t long until his efforts were recognized. Herbert was recently asked to be the head photographer and photography director for the upcoming annual school musical. “I didn’t think the adults would notice. I just wanted my friends and senior class to have good pictures for themselves,” Herbert continued. Despite his intention, he will have his first paying photography gig on December 9th – 11th at the Bronx Prep auditorium.

Herbert will be taking photos and directing other photographers at the premier of *The Wiz- the Musical*, which will be presented to the general public by both the middle and high school students at Bronx Prep. Tickets will be on sale from November 30th to December 11th, at the theatre room. Mrs. Kate Quarford, the director and producers for the musicals assures that this will be one of the best plays in Bronx Prep history. “We’ve never had so much funding. And the excitement I see from the students this year is different. I know this show is going to be one we’ll never forget.” Quarford gushed. This came as little surprise, seeing the rough path Bronx Prep has recently gotten over.

From being taken over by Democracy Prep, to scandalous headlines from less-than-representative students, to the unsure state of the theatre department. However, Bronx Prep has kept its head up, and the positives have definitely triumphed the negatives. Herbert Nyarko has been a huge contributor to that. “I knew I had to step up if I was going to make our senior year worth it,” Nyarko recollects. His desire to not have any of the negatives cast a shadow over the joy of the class of 2016 pushed him to run for class president- and win. In addition to advocating, planning meetings, and executing events, Herbert is also an active member of the Bronx Prep speech and debate team. Coming home from a tournament at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., Herbert was given a shout-out during morning announcements for representing the school, and making it to finals. “When they said my name for the finals round, I didn’t know what else to do except give my partner a pound and sit back in my chair. I have an image to uphold you know,” Herbert joked. His humility despite all his accomplishments shines brightly. December is sure to be an exciting month for Herbert and the students at Bronx Prep

