

The girl who wasn't that one from before

“I live for my goals”, this is something you’ll always hear from Tutu Ekpebor. Tutu is a 14 year old girl who attends Tenacity. She started off in the year of 2005 during 6th grade. She was approached by one of tenacity’s staff Drew, and was told about the program and she told her mother who replied, saying “well you’re going to go anyways because you’re always stuck in the house bothering me.” And it was settled, Tutu was a part of Tenacity. Changes came upon her. She wasn’t as open as she is now. Before, she was the girl that wasn’t looking towards her the future, or looking for many friends. She was the girl who was quiet, stubborn and impatient. But that all changed after a couple of months in Tenacity. She made many friends that helped her to trust others and be more understanding. Despite the fact that she wasn’t always open, she made a speech about Tenacity in front of about 1000 people. During the event she accomplished one of her goals which is to visit Japan. A tenacity sponsor offered to fund her trip. “Oh my gosh my hands are shaking I can’t believe this is actually happening to me,” Tutu stated. I know this something she’ll always remember. Tutu became a part of The Tenacity Family and will always be a part of it.

~Anonymous, 8th grade