



## High School Woman of Excellence & Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

*Ambeka Rajvanshi*

Lafayette High School – Lafayette

Ambeka Rajvanshi is a graduating senior from Lafayette High School. She is a result-driven, performance-oriented, and high-achievement high school senior, who has a proven record of leadership and service to others. Her focus is on biological, healthcare, and medical studies. She has an interest in improving the delivery and reducing the cost of healthcare, to underserved and at-risk populations in the US and in other parts of the world. Her approach includes observing and researching healthcare systems in other parts of the world where complex procedures are performed successfully (at a fraction of the cost incurred in the US), and to cross-adopt the best practices from various healthcare systems.

In order to achieve her goal in the healthcare field, Ambeka has involved herself in a myriad of health-related organizations, activities, and programs. Her health-related achievements include being the Louisiana State HOSA (Future Health Professionals) Organization's President, having interned at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital over the summer, and observing over twelve heart surgeries at a government hospital for the underprivileged in India. She has also spoken to the Legislative Correspondent to Senator David Vitter as well as Senator Bill Cassidy about prevalent health concerns in Louisiana.

Aside from her health-related achievements, Ambeka has also been incredibly involved in her school. This past year she served as her school's Senior Class President, National Honor Society President, Beta Club President, and French Club Treasurer. In past years, she was her school's Speech and Debate Team Vice President and was in Key Club, Math Club, and Science Olympiad. Ambeka has received numerous awards from speech and debate tournaments, has

received the National AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and received a National Merit Scholar Commendation. She has also been awarded with a "Superior" ranking from the Louisiana Academic State Rally in French Extemporaneous Speaking.

Along with the above achievements, Ambeka has proven to be quite involved in her community. In total, she has volunteered for over 250 hours in her high school career at local animal shelters, for the local Autism Society, at nursing homes, for the Lafayette Children's Museum etc. She even initiated a school-wide Anti-Drug Campaign as well as a school-wide collection drive for domestic abuse victims. Ambeka also spends her time frequently tutoring students in subjects such as Anatomy and Physiology, US Government, and Algebra II. Even while being so involved, Ambeka still manages to maintain a 4.0 GPA and is involved in a music and theater group at her school.

Ambeka plans on attending Texas A&M University this coming fall and will be majoring in biochemistry. She hopes that with her skills she will ultimately be able to become a health professional. While she does not specifically know whether she would like to be a surgeon, a forensic specialist, or even a gynecologist, she believes that "the possibilities are infinite!" and that regardless of which path she chooses, she will be and do the best she can to succeed.