

Athlete Spotlight:

Terrell Pridgen

KEVIN CHEN

A little hesitation, dribble, fake right, and lightning quick crossover to the left combined with an explosive first step is all it takes for Terrell Pridgen to blow by a defender. Any NCSSM student who regularly plays pickup basketball will tell you to avoid playing Terrell one-on-one unless you enjoy having your ankles broken. Not simply a street ball player, Terrell has played a key role on the men's basketball team. On and off the court, he has provided energy and enthusiasm during high and low moments of the season. Currently, Terrell is preparing diligently for track season, more specifically the 400 m and 4 X 400 relay. If Terrell can carry over his athletic talents from basketball to track, then he should find success without a problem.

HOME SCHOOL: Pender High School

PERSONAL: 6'1", Terrell lives with his mother and foster sister

IN THE CD PLAYER: TI-Urban Legend

FAVORITE BOOK: Jane Eyre

EMOTIONAL MOMENT: Nearly anytime that I compete.

ATHLETICS MEMORIES: Competing with good people.

ATHLETICS LESSONS: Learning to work.

ADD TO MOUNT RUSHMORE: Kobe Bryant, even though he's in a slump

FOR 30 MINUTES I'D LIKE TO BE: Michael Jordan in his prime.

GUEST LIST: Mostly anybody.

LIKES: Food, especially seafood, cheesecake, and strawberry stuff.

DISKLIKES: Ignorant, loud, and unjustifiably conceited and/or cocky people.

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"This may be your last chance to EVER say what you feel to someone. Don't hold back. Regret is one of the strongest pains. Anything left unsaid, say it. Forget what is holding you back now. Two weeks from now, you may lose your chance forever." -anonymous



In no time at all you all will be able to call yourselves seniors! How will life at NCSSM be as a senior? My task is to give you some advice on life as a senior here at NCSSM. One of the first things that I consider to be important, is to remember that this will be your last year of high school, the last time that you will see some of your closest friends. Make sure that you get all your work done and that you do well in school, but also make time for a social life. Don't stay closed up in your room on weekends, do

your work, but at the same time have some fun with your friends. At the beginning of the year things will seem slow, but at the same time, do not burden yourself with too many activities or extracurricular clubs. Do what you like to do and what you believe in whether it be the president of Seeds of Change or being the president of the Easily Amused Club. Don't worry about having a long list of activities for college applications. Life will also sometimes seem hard and overbearing being a senior because you're trying to manage the stress of work, college plans, and friends, but don't worry - try to make your senior a year to remember.

Make sure you are able to meet your juniors and become friends with them. Some of the best relationships at our school are formed at the

beginning of the year and between juniors and seniors. Your juniors will probably need you to show them the ropes, just like I needed my seniors to show me. Don't be hesitant to get to know your juniors; after all, they are really happy to be here just like we all are.

One of my seniors once told me to make sure you make the most out of senior year, because it will go by quickly. My senior year has flown by, and although I am ready to graduate, I'm not so sure about leaving so many friends behind. My last word of advice to you rising seniors, is that you cherish your senior year. Go sit outside and do homework with your friends, go jump in the leaves in the fall, don't be afraid to meet new people, and finally, have a good time!

--Yolanda Fair

Senior Superlatives

Best Smile

Ervin Griffin and Jen Gunderson

Best Dressed

Zach Long and Maleah Pusz

Best Sense of Humor

Phil Carey and Julianna Thomas

Dynamic Duo

Gabby Tucci and George Davis

Most Spirited

Isaac Owolabi and Katie Shearin

Most Likely to Succeed

Ryan Neely and Lucie Guo

Most Likely to Run for President

Chris McLain and Heather Mohorn

Most Athletic

Lance Harden and Kara Anasti

Most Artistic

Dan Applegate and Margaret Wu

Best All Around

Erika Gutierrez, Tyler Huffman, and Wiley Smith

Most Likely to Become an SLI

Bobby Shimer and Nancy Poplin

Best Personality

Alex Ahearn and Yolanda Fair