



If you are looking for a person who has strived in life during hardships, search no longer thus this is what you are looking for. **Mikaela Johnson** was born in Detroit, Michigan by Michael Johnson and Tammy Johnson on January 22, 2001. She has two older half-siblings, her older sister and brother, Brianna and Aaron Heard from her mother. She is an only child to her father. Even though her siblings are technically her half siblings, she has grown up with them since the day she was born and considers them more than just that. At 4 years of age, **Mikaela's** father's mother died from breast cancer. She was an only grandchild to her grandmother and spent all her time with her.

Given to her at birth her grandmother gifted her with a gold charm bracelet that has special dates encrypted on each charm, like a shoe that has the date of when she first took her steps. Even though the bracelet is currently lost she treasures the memory of the bracelet. **Mikaela** has attended Charles H Wright Academy of Arts and Science for her pre-k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year. During those years her father went away right away around 5 years of age. She had support through family members and her intermediate family to help the young child. Her teachers spoke highly of her work in school and said that she needed to be challenged as a student. **Mikaela** teachers recommended her to

take the test to be admitted to Bates Academy. Little did she know that that year would be her last at her beloved school?

**Mikaela Johnson** was now in her fourth grade year attending her new school Bates Academy. By fourth grade everyone had their own friends. **Mikaela** went through hard troubles trying to make friends. She met one person named Ananda Bell. She was a friendly girl and was her first friend at school. About a month and a half into the school year Ananda was off balance, vomiting and having headaches. Her parents took her to the doctor to find out that she had a brain tumor. She had to drop out to get taken care of and **Mikaela** now needed new friends. Having troubles with peers she finally found friends. During her 5<sup>th</sup> grade year **Mikaela** only heard news that her friend was only getting worse. In her 6<sup>th</sup> grade year her biggest fear came to life. **Mikaela's** friend Ananda had passed away. Even though she knew her for a very little time she was her first friend at her new school and appreciated that. All of these hardships made her stronger.

#### Schools Attended

- Charles H. Wright Academy of Arts and Science
- Bates Academy

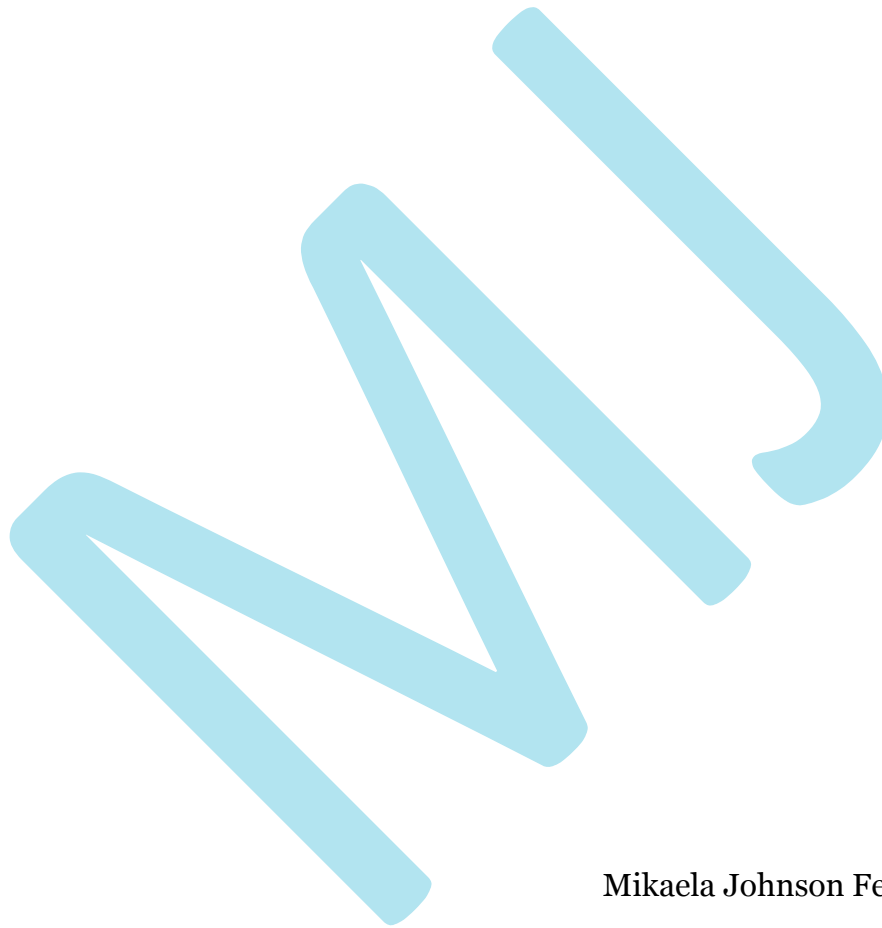
An African American that we can compare **Mikaela** to is Ella Fitzgerald. Ella Fitzgerald was known as “The First Lady of Song” and was an African American jazz singer. **Mikaela** is a singer and stands for what she believes in. For Ella Fitzgerald, she had rough patches because of her race. People believed that black people should not perform and some still do to this day. Ella Fitzgerald represents the passion that she had for performing and music, just like **Mikaela**. They both only want what's right and to perform.

**Mikaela** strived at everything she did and had a knack for performing but little did she know that it would be her passion. She cheered and also took piano lessons following after her deceased uncle. **Mikaela** had goals. She wanted to get into a good high school and wanted to get good grades her entire school year. Her goal was also to excel in the performing arts. Her aspiration was even bigger. **Mikaela** wanted to be a performer and have that be her job. She wanted to act, make movies, anything you could think of when it came to entertaining people. She wanted to be known and have wonderful experiences in the Hollywood life. Another aspiration that she knows that she will achieve is to have her own family and be happy with where she was in life and what she was doing. This girl had high hopes that she was willing to achieve.

There has been so much that she has been through with so many doubts and disappointment but still walks through life with a smile. She has a lot of accomplishments such as performing for a large audience and keeping her G.P.A higher than a 3.0. She has won trophies from cheer competitions and improves in dance. She learned throughout the years that she was a great writer; maybe she will be a writer one day. You can say this girl is ready to discover the world and experience anything and

everything she can. **Mikaela** can be unpredictable and witty but also can be a handworker and team player. She dislikes conflict and has ton of charisma. All **Mikaela** wants to do is to live her life to the fullest. After all the hardships that **Mikaela** has been through at a young age and even now, she pushes through life one day at a time. **Mikaela Jordin Johnson** is striving to achieve her goals and dreams that she will achieve.

*"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." ~ Maya Angelou*

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