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Sixth-grade Hazelwood meteorologist wins over the weather world



Alvin Kamau of Hazelwood gained national attention for a forecast that gives professional meteorologists a run for their money.

Alvin Kamau of Hazelwood gets more than 13K views for YouTube report

(KSDK) – A local sixth-grader caught the attention of meteorologists across the country after he nailed a weather forecast in a video posted to social media. 5 On Your Side's Anthony Slaughter had the chance to catch up with Hazelwood student Alvin Kamau and his mother on Tuesday. Alvin said he's loved weather since he was 6 years old. Last week, he asked his mother, Anne Kamau, to record him giving a forecast using graphics from the Today in St. Louis weather report. "I really don't understand weather myself," said his mother. "... Friday, he told me, 'Mom, record me, record me.' I said, 'You want me to record you? OK, let me do it.' And he just surprised me, and I thought, 'OK, let me put it on Facebook.' In the video, Alvin talks for more than two minutes and never misses a beat, giving professional meteorologists everywhere a run for their money. Alvin's video also was picked up by Vitendo4Africa, a Hazelwood-based nonprofit that helps empower African immigrants. Alvin was born in the U.S. and his mother is from Kenya. His video was seen 13,000 times and got several comments from meteorologists praising Alvin's skills. 5 On Your Side aired his forecast on Today In St. Louis last week, and then aired an interview with Alvin on Wednesday.

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Surviving COVID-19: The Black Rep Is determined to survive the pandemic





Black Rep's 2020 Summer Performing Arts Camp Virtual Performance https://vimeo.com/448171579

"Struggle" for black theater companies is nothing new said Ron Himes, founder and producing director of the Black Rep. For instance, among the black theater organizations forged during the Civil Rights/Black Arts Movements of the 1960s and 1970s, he said a staggering 87% had closed their doors by the mid-'90s. When asked if he could think of a local actor who represents the passion, resiliency, and fearlessness of the black arts movement in the midst of this global pandemic, Himes responded without hesitation: "Tyler White. She's 24 and has been with the Black Rep since she was eight years old. She's grown up with us. Being an artist is at the core of her being." Himes gushed. "If I said, 'Tyler, I want you to jump off that table and do two somersaults before you hit the floor,' she's going to try it."

This summer, the young actress started her first year as director of the Black Rep's Summer Arts Camp (SAP). White said she was overwhelmed with the responsibility of overseeing and keeping 14 kids (ages 6-16) safe all day, every day for six weeks. FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR THE FULL STORY http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/surviving-covid-19-the-struggle-for-blackperforming-arts-in-st-louis/article_7c038224-e481-11ea-9584-63ef72551532.html

HSD students that participated in the Black Rep's 2020 Summer Performing Arts Camp



Kennedy Jenkins EHS 9th Grader



Antonia DeJesus Brown 4th Grader Brown 4th Grader EHS 9th Grader



Layla DeJesus



Kamya Anderson-Terrell

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High school football games will be played starting tonight, but seeing them live will prove difficult

When the high school football season officially begins Friday, most of the area will not take part. Last week, St. Louis Public Schools along with the Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Pattonville, Ritenour and Riverview Gardens school districts announced they would push football to the spring. At the end of July, the Illinois High School Association moved its football season to spring, joining 16 other state associations to take football out of its traditional season. FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR THE FULL STORY

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