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## Sports 'star' wins Eugene Attram scholarship

London Metropolitan University today confirmed that it is awarding a full scholarship to local student Takashi Bailey, who will be joining the University for a Foundation Degree in Community Sport Coaching and Performance, in September.

Takashi is a star basketball player and has extensive experience in cricket coaching and sports coaching more generally. He has been a Sports Ambassador under the Aim Higher programme, Sports Student of the Year at B6 Brooke House College, and has played basketball in the South England Student Sports Association.

The scholarship, which provides free tuition for the two years of the Foundation Degree (run in partnership with Hackney Community College), was set up in recognition of Eugene Attram, a fantastic local young man who was tragically killed last year.

A student at Ernest Bevin College, Tooting, Eugene passed 11 GCSEs plus one GNVQ ICT (equivalent to four GCSEs) and was well known for his football, art and community involvement. In 2004, Eugene was awarded Sportsman of the Year at Ernest Bevin College.

Takashi, who lives in Hackney, said: 'I will do everything in my power to represent Eugene Attram, as well as myself, when I am on this scholarship; you have my word. I have been accepted on this scholarship programme, so now I will return the favour.'

'Being accepted on this scholarship has given me the highest amount of motivation in my life. Whatever happens from now on, Eugene Attram will stay in my memory forever. This scholarship has allowed me to take basketball and my education to the next level.'

As well as being an outstanding sportsman, Takashi also enjoys poetry, which he admits is something of an unusual combination.

'If you're going to be a leader you must lead by example, so I make it a point to do what I enjoy, and do it well,' he said.

The Eugene Attram scholarship is awarded for the most outstanding local first year undergraduate student who shows, through their commitment to sport, community and education, the kinds of qualities that Eugene believed so much in.

The Foundation Degree in Community Sport Coaching and Performance is a new degree for London Met and will be officially launched on 25 September at Lords Cricket Ground.

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**Editor's notes:**

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