



**MS. ASHANTI CURRY  
STUDENT/ MPMA SUPPORTER**



Ashanti Curry is 17 years old and is the daughter of GySgt. Lawrence Dean and Tammie Dean. She is a senior at Northside High School in Jacksonville, North Carolina with a 4.4 GPA; Ranked 8 of 212. Not only is she academically gifted but she is also extremely active in school and her community being her Class President, Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team, National Honor Society, Vice President of Science National Honor Society, FCA, and many other school clubs. Outside of school she works as the Youth Director of the North Carolina Chapter of National Action Network's Youth Move founded by Reverend Al Sharpton, Montford Point Marine Association Speaker Bureau member, First Degree Black Belt, Volunteer at the USO, Soup Kitchen, Christmas Cheer, Coordinate voter registration drives for High Schools and spend a lot of time with Foster Children. After High School, she's attending the Naval Academy in Annapolis Md. and Major in Biology and eventually become a pediatric surgeon. Everyday Ashanti is pushed by her most favorite quote said by Coach Kay Yow, "when life kicks you, let it kick you forward."

If you liked **Red Tails**, you will like her video about the Montford Point Marines. Congress voted to award the Montford Point Marines the **Congressional Gold Medal**, the country's highest civilian honor. Admitted to the Marine Corps after President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered all branches of the armed forces to accept blacks, the Montford Point Marines endured untold hardships as they trained in the segregated North Carolina facility.

**YOUTUBE:** <http://youtu.be/CQPPePXWwtM>