

## Zebiba Fedlu



My name is Zebiba Fedlu, I am from a rural area near the city of Worabe located in the SNNPR in Ethiopia. As a female student I faced a number of challenges in my education because by tradition women are not encouraged to go to school and compete with male in our society. Moreover, the only people I knew who had been to college were my teachers. Many of the older girls in my area got married in their childhood and dropped out of school by the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. There were no other role models in terms of academic aspirations or career options. Despite this fact, I had a dream of going to University College. I was able to complete my secondary and high school education with good academic performance. I always ranked in the top three students of my class and school at large. When I graduated from my high school I was awarded for scoring high grades from my school and our regional administration in the secondary school leaving examination (SSLE).

I am passionate about being a great female physicist because I have been interested in physics since my childhood. That is why I joined Addis Ababa University to study physics education. Now I am a 3rd year physics student, the only female in my department. Most people including my family assume that my gender affects my education but I strongly disagree with that and I am proud of myself.

## Solomon Wendimu



My name is Solomon Wendimu Tola. I am a 23-year-old student from Ethiopia who is currently pursuing a degree in Physics at Addis Ababa University, department of Physics. I am a hardworking, ambitious, and passionate individual who has always been fascinated by science, particularly physics. My academic journey started at a young age, where I showed a natural talent for math and science. Throughout my primary and secondary education, I excelled in my studies, which eventually led me to pursue a degree in Physics. Throughout my studies, I have maintained an excellent academic record, demonstrating my dedication and commitment to my studies.

Aside from my academic pursuits, I am also an active member of the university's Club, where I engage in discussions and debates on various topics. I am also a volunteer tutor, offering free tutoring services to students who need help with their studies. Looking towards the future, I aspire to become a physics educator, hoping to inspire and motivate students to develop a love for science. I believe that education is a powerful tool that can create opportunities and change lives, and I am committed to contributing positively to society through my chosen field. I have a great passion, dedication, and hard work habits to be a role model for many of my peers and fellow physics educators. I am determined to make a positive impact on the world, and with my talent and drive.

## Mintesinot Abayneh



My name is Mintesnot Abayneh and I was born in Asela, Ethiopia in 1992. My mother and I moved to a small town when I was 5 years old. Even from elementary school, I had a fascination with science and the universe, and I wanted to learn as much as possible about it. Unfortunately, there was limited access to books and the internet in our town, which made it difficult to quench my thirst for knowledge. Knowing that university would provide better resources, I waited until I joined.

And now I am a final year Physics student at the Adama Science and Technology University, where I chose to pursue my passion for science. While I am passionate about science in general, it was my curiosity about the universe and its workings that inspired me to pursue a degree in Physics.

Throughout my three and a half years at university, I maintained my hard work and demonstrated exceptional commitment to my academic pursuits. My diligence has resulted in good results, and I have acquired valuable knowledge and skills that will help me in my future career. It is a great honor to have been awarded the EPS-NA scholarship award as recognition of my hard work and achievements. It motivates me to keep up my commitment to my academic pursuits.

## Frehiwot Sisay



My name is Frehiwot Sisay and I'm a physics student at Debarq University Department of Physics. Physics is something that interests me very much because physics is a science which helps us to better understand the world around us and it improves our observation about the universe and this makes me more passionate about physics.

From my early age my dream was to become an astronomer and this comes from my interest in physics and in my high school time I was involved in different science fair projects and also I have got opportunities to attend different physics related conferences. After I have finished my high school I joined Debarq University and I

decide to study physics because in our country context there is no University which gives astronomy in degree level so I start to study physics and I take this as a good opportunity to upgrade my knowledge in physics and as we know astronomy is one part of physics and studying physics was really helpful for astronomy.

And after my graduation in this year I want to continue to study astronomy for Masters level and I want to do research related with celestial bodies like galaxies, dwarf planets, and about the cosmos etc. Generally I want to put my own stamp on astronomy and to make my dream come true. In addition to this I want to broaden people's awareness about astronomy.

## Amare Geto



My name is Amare Geto Aweke. I am from Desie town in Ethiopia, Amhara region south Wollo zone. I am a fourth year student at Debark University. I am the second child of five siblings in the family.

For my elementary school I went to Makefta Primary School and secondary school to Wogdie General Secondary School located in the Amhara region south Wollo zone. I had a happy childhood living with my parents and my siblings.

During my high school days I usually spent my free time in the library together with my friends. I was able to pass the entrance examination at Debark University. At that time there was no department of either pilot or captain. So, due to this reason I selected the Physics department. I am the one who has big dreams, always trying to achieve big achievements. One of my shortcomings is that I am a shy person naturally when in public. So I decided to show my aspiration through words. My dream is to become a captain. Besides my aforementioned weakness, I am an optimistic boy.

When I was a child my parents always said that I will be successful in my endeavors. I always try to make a difference and give my best whenever possible. I am optimistic that I will achieve my dream with my hard work and my family support.

My mother is my source of inspiration. She always gives me direction to face hardships head-on to realize my dreams. She always says that I am the best. She is my angel. My family is my spirit.

## Abiy Zelalem



Abiy Zelalem Tegegne is an undergraduate student pursuing a BSc in Physics at Debark University. From a young age, Abiy has always been fascinated regarding how the universe works and the laws that govern it. His passion for physics led him to pursue a degree in the field, where he has excelled academically, consistently achieving high grades and demonstrating a strong

understanding of the subject matter. Abiy's hard work and dedication in his academic journey have not gone unnoticed, as he was recently awarded the prestigious EPSNA scholarship award which is a competitive scholarship that recognizes exceptional students in the field of physics who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, and a commitment to the advancement of the field.

Outside of his academic pursuits, Abiy is an active member of the physics community at DeBark University, participating in research projects and collaborating with his peers on various initiatives. He is also deeply committed to giving back to his community, volunteering at local organizations, and mentoring younger students interested in pursuing a career in physics.

As he continues his studies, Abiy hopes to use his knowledge and skills in physics to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing our world today, from climate change to renewable energy. Abiy looks forward to make a significant impact in the field considering his unwavering passion, strong work ethic and leadership skills.