

Mr. Barack Obama's presidency signals the beginning of a new era in history. President Obama offers me hope because of the historic importance of his election as the first African American president of the U.S. Throughout his presidential campaign, his slogan was "*Yes We Can.*" With that slogan and his message of change, he inspired me to excel in my studies and to work hard to improve my community.

During early American history, African Americans were treated as property and denied basic human rights, including the right to become a citizen and to vote. Over time, their status improved. On November 4, 2008 things dramatically changed. Barack Obama won 53% of the American vote. His victory showed me that my success is without limits. I will use his achievement to motivate me to study medicine to become a pediatric doctor or dentist. As a doctor and citizen, I can then use my talents, abilities, and time to help people within my community to live better lives.

I will always remember the importance of November 4, 2008. It was a historic day that helped me to realize that change had arrived for me as an African American and the entire country.