“As soon as I got to Bulldog Days, Yale blew my mind,” says Onyx Brunner Mc ’20. “People were so nice and genuine that I committed to Yale in a few hours. When I called my mom to tell her, she was quiet for a moment, and then said she always knew I would come here.”

Onyx, an Ethics, Politics, and Economics major, is deeply involved in campus life. He is a member of the Yale Black Men’s Union and this year serves as its president. “We’re one of the resident groups in the Afro-American Cultural Center,” Onyx says, “and we do a lot across New Haven. Our motto is ‘Unity, Support, Service.’ We run a mentoring program with area schoolchildren and each year do a charity challenge for a local organization.”

An enthusiastic advocate for Yale, Onyx is both an official on-campus tour guide and a chief aide at Morse College. “The tours for the admissions office are the most fun,” he says. “It’s so exciting to be part of the process where students decide to come to Yale. As a chief aide in Morse, I help my fellow students and serve as a liaison between the Head and the Morse community.”

Through his work throughout campus, Onyx has clear goals in mind. “I want to go to law school, and eventually return to be a leader in Chicago,” he says. “Where I’m from, not a lot of people have these opportunities. I want to bring what I learn here back home.”

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