

From bushlands of Africa to college graduation

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The bushlands of West Africa are far in many ways from the Johns Hopkins University, and the path was neither sure nor straight for the boy whose name meant “beloved by his ancestors.” They called him Kpimenongme Mwinnyaa.

Only now as he graduates – having been baptized George, having earned semester after semester of straight A’s despite grades once too poor for college – does he dare believe it’s more than a dream.

George Mwinnyaa, 29, received a bachelor’s degree in public health with academic honors at Hopkins’ commencement last month. Mwinnyaa was named the outstanding senior researcher in the prestigious public health program and wore the honorary cords.

His formal education in the United States started in Reno.

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