

2012 NEOA Rising Star Achiever Tuipate Mubiay

Tuipate Mubiay moved to the states from the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1994, where he was already known as a leader in his community. Upon his arrival to Burlington, Vermont, he quickly identified himself as an advocate for refugees, women, children and education access. Working closely with VSAC, he learned how to navigate financial aid as well as career and educational planning. Tuipate has attained an Associates Degree from CCV, a Bachelors Degree from Johnson State College and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Vermont in a short period of time- often while working full time. His work ethic, warm demeanor and the four languages he speaks allows him to connect with community members from all backgrounds; he encourages service, diversity, and education as a means to strengthen our communities and citizens. He currently works as an academic advisor at CCV and at the HowardCenter, while volunteering his time at local non-profits.