

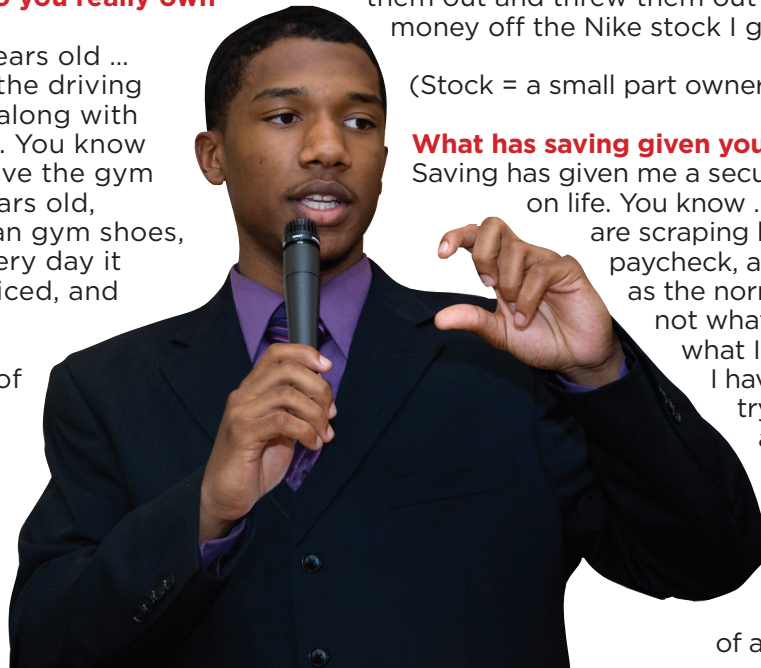
# INTERVIEW WITH A SAVER:

## Damon - High School Junior

### How did you become a Saver? Do you really own part of Nike?

It started when I was around 5 years old ... Since birth, basketball has been the driving passion and force in my life and along with basketball is the gym shoe craze. You know every basketball player has to have the gym shoes. So when I was about 5 years old, he comes out with one about every day it seems. So, they were real overpriced, and my mother told me that before I could get another pair of Nike gym shoes I had to own a piece of the company so ever since then I have been investing and saving to invest.

I saved all the pennies and nickels from the couch and birthday and Christmas money, and I got my one share, but what I always tell people is, I wore those shoes - I wore



them out and threw them out - but I am still making money off the Nike stock I got.

(Stock = a small part ownership of a company)

### What has saving given you?

Saving has given me a security, a different outlook on life. You know ... I see that people are scraping by living paycheck to paycheck, and people accept that as the norm. But, I know that is not what I want to do and not what I have to do.

I have a stability ... I am trying to build wealth and that is something everyone should try to do. It is something I have an understanding of now. I try to have more of the end in mind ... more of a long term outlook.

Fill in the blanks with your best guess for each item.

### SAVES IS FOR YOU

The most popular car among millionaires is a \_\_\_\_\_.



\_\_\_\_\_ % of millionaires are self-made. (They did not inherit their wealth.)

### SAVING MATTERS

College graduates make \_\_\_\_\_ more on average over their life than non-graduates. High School graduates make \_\_\_\_\_ more on average and graduates of a 2 year college make \_\_\_\_\_ more.

### BUT

\_\_\_\_\_ is the #1 reason that students drop out of college.



## TOGETHER WE CAN!

If just 3000 students in Illinois commit to save just \$1 per day, this would be \_\_\_\_\_ in savings this year.

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