

LIKE ONLY TAVIO CAN

freshman tavio amouzou finds a creative outlet in making music

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In a school known for its performing arts and diverse population, one student was able to bring his interest in both together, with his own music career.

Tavio Amouzou (9), lived in Togo for five years, where he began to make music of his own.

"Going to Africa back in 2016, learning about my culture and learning about the perspective over there, considering I was born in America, is definitely very influential," Amouzou said.

In his song, "Come to Togo," Amouzou shared his love for the country.

"That's where I first stayed when I went to Africa, and I loved the place so much cause some of my family is from there, and so I just decided I was going to express the beauty of my country, Togo," Amouzou said.

Amouzou created a music video for his song with images and sounds of Togolese culture.

"We recorded it in this little area and my dad told me to be practicing the dance moves, I ended up just improvising the whole thing. Then when we made the clip," Amouzou said.

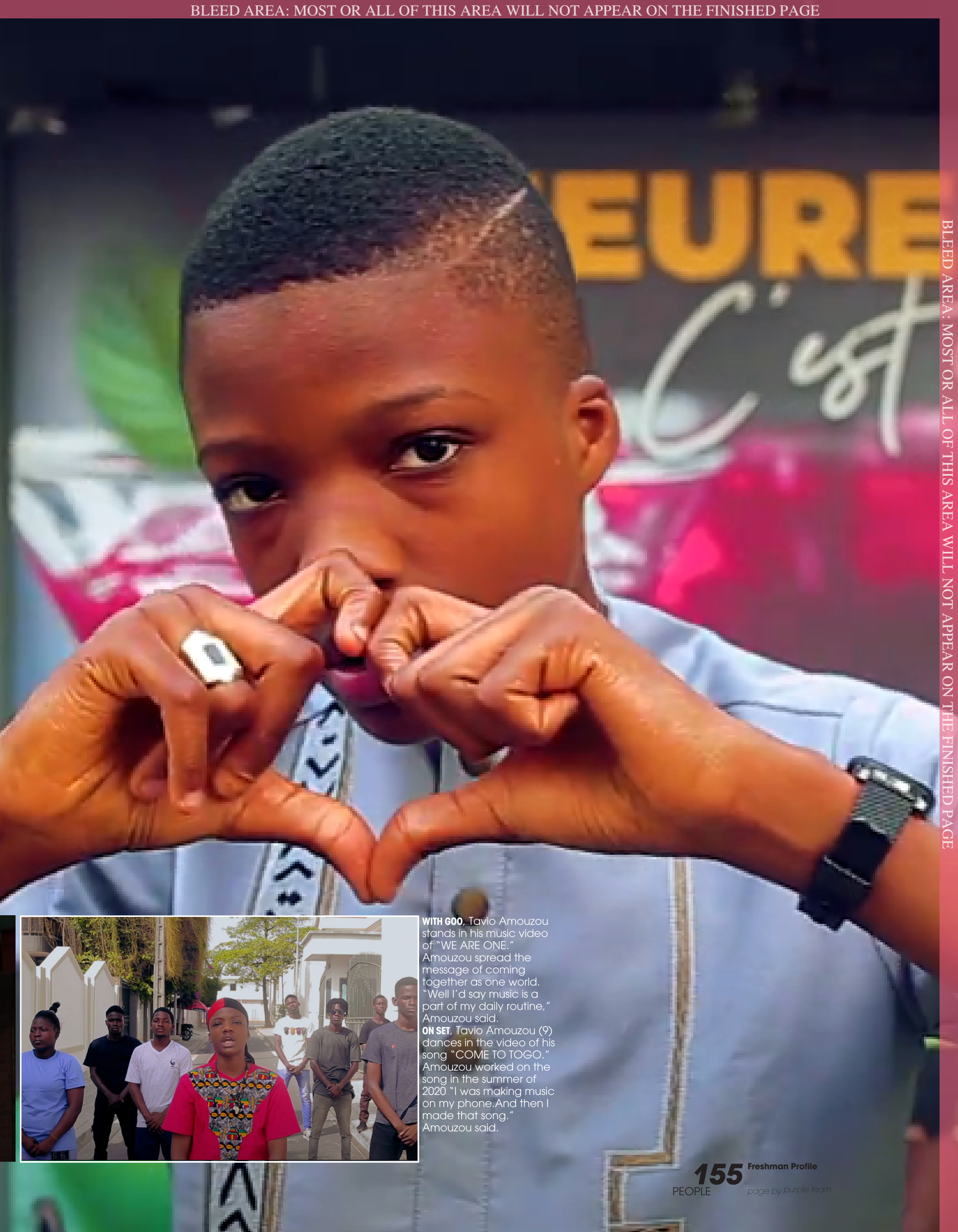
After meeting him in French class, **Qeren Mabongo Mwassamba (11)** got along with Amouzou's sociable personality and formed a brother-sister bond. Which led to Mabongo to listen to Amouzou's music.

"Tavio's music is upbeat and that makes it nice and good to listen to. I really like it, it was very hype, it wasn't slow or anything like that," Mabongo said.

In one of his other songs, "We Are One," Amouzou focused on the importance of celebrating diversity.

"We're maybe from different continents or countries but we're from the same world so we should treat each other equally," Amouzou said.





WITH GOO, Tavio Amouzou stands in his music video of "WE ARE ONE." Amouzou spread the message of coming together as one world. "Well I'd say music is a part of my daily routine," Amouzou said.

ON SET, Tavio Amouzou (9) dances in the video of his song "COME TO TOGO." Amouzou worked on the song in the summer of 2020 "I was making music on my phone. And then I made that song," Amouzou said.

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