



Therese Etoka

Therese Etoka is a freshman at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut. When she was a young girl, Etoka and her family immigrated from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Boise, Idaho. Etoka attended and graduated from Boise High School in 2018. There, she found her voice and passion to raise awareness for social justice issues. Throughout her high school career, Etoka was a student leader and served as the president for the Boise High Humanitarian Club. She was also a student leader for her high school's Climate Justice League that worked with the Idaho Chapter Sierra Club to combat climate change.

Through her student leadership, Etoka discovered a passion for building safety. This led her to testify at the Boise City Council meeting to advocate for the adoption of new building codes. Her advocacy encouraged Boise to adopt the 2015 International Building Code.

Etoka majors in International Relations and Political Science and minors in French. Beyond her activism, Etoka is a musician and enjoys creating videos. She plans to continue to be a voice for her generation wherever she goes.