

EXCELSIOR PREP

"SEX, MONEY, & RAGING HORMONES:
Class is in Session"

SHOW BIBLE

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A One hour Teen Drama For HBO MAX/ CW/ NETFLIX

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO EXCELSIOR PREP!

WE ARE THRILLED FOR YOU TO BE ACCEPTED TO EXCELSIOR - LET
THE LEARNING BEGIN!

YOUR ORIENTATION PACKET WILL COVER:

1. WHAT IS EXCELSIOR PREP?
2. THE STORY (AN EXTENDED LOGLINE) & JAMAL'S ARC
3. WHAT TYPE OF SHOW THIS IS & WHAT TYPE OF SHOW THIS ISN'T
4. THE INSPIRATION, TONE, LOOK, AND STYLE
5. THE STRUCTURE (EPISODE LIST)
6. LOCATIONS
7. THE THEMES WE EXPLORE
8. THE CHARACTER & THEIR ARCS (YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS, THEIR
FAMILIES, TEACHERS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG DEALERS)
9. THE MUSIC AND SOUNDTRACK FOR THE SERIES
10. THE SERIES'S FRANCHISE POTENTIAL

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WHAT IS EXCELSIOR PREP?

WELCOME TO THE TOP PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE NATION, FOR THE MOST ELITE STUDENTS, LOCATED IN THE UBER EXPENSIVE, IDYLIC NEIGHBORHOOD OF MANHATTAN'S UPPER EAST SIDE:
THE PRESTIGIOUS EXCELSIOR

WE BOAST A WORLD CLASS ACADEMIC PROGRAM TAUGHT BY LEADING EDUCATORS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AND AN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS THAT RIVAL OLYMPIC & NCAA SPORTS TEAMS. IN FACT, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO BE RECRUITED BY NCAA DIVISION ONE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND PLAY IN THE OLYMPICS.

HOWEVER, THE POSH AND POLISHED EXTERIOR HIDES A SCANDALOUS AND DEBAUCHEROUS UNDERBELLY: STUDENTS WHO SELL & TAKE DRUGS, SEX IN BETWEEN CLASS, TEACHER AND STUDENT ROMANCES, ADDICTIONS AND EMBEZZLEMENT.

BASICALLY, YOUR TEEN'S (& YOUR) NEXT (THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT) GUILTY PLEASURE ...

THE STORY/ EXTENDED LOGLINE

CONCISE: 16 YEAR OLD TRACK STAR, JAMAL, RECEIVES A FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO EXCELSIOR PREP, A TOP NYC PRIVATE SCHOOL , AND MUST QUICKLY LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE THE DECADENT AND SCANDALOUS WORLD OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE ELITE.

EXTENDED: WHEN 16 YEAR OLD TRACK STAR, JAMAL MOHAMMED, RECEIVES A FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO EXCELSIOR PREP (THE TOP PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE NATION), HE'S MUST QUICKLY LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE THE DECADENT AND SCANDALOUS WORLD OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE ELITE, FACING SEX, DRUGS AND FAMILIAL PRESSURES.

JAMAL MUST LEARN TO JUGGLE THE WORLD OF EXCESS, SEX, DRUGS AND CRIME THAT HIDES BEHIND THE CURTAIN AND CORNER OF EXCELSIOR, AS WELL AS, HIS CRIMINAL FATHER, BROTHER AND LOWER INCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS IN BEDSTUY BROOKLYN.

IN ORDER TO TRULY FIT IN AT EXCELSIOR, JAMAL MUST DECIDE IF HE'LL LEAVE HIS FAMILY, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ROOTS BEHIND.

WHAT THIS IS/ WHY

A ONE HOUR TEEN EPISODIC DRAMA ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS, FITTING IN, BEING A TEENAGER, LOVE, SEX, DRUGS, BLOOD MONEY, FAMILY, AND CRIME.

IF CWs "GOSSIP GIRL" HAD A BABY WITH CWs "ALL AMERICAN".

THIS IS FOR THE TIKTOK AND INSTAGRAM GENERATION (GEN Z). A TEEN DRAMA SERIES THAT TAKES PLACE IN AN ELITE MANHATTAN PRIVATE SCHOOL, DEALING WITH ALL OF THE THEMES THAT TEENS FACE IN SCHOOL & WHILE GROWING UP, BUT WITH AN INJECTION OF AFFLUENT UES LIVING & PARTYING.

A SHOW THAT WILL HAVE TEENS AT THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS, GOSSIPING ABOUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND CREATING CHARACTER CULTS AND ALLEGIANCES (*LIKE TEAM TYREL, TEAM JAMAL, TEAM SIMONE*).

WE WANT TO FILL THE SPACE THAT SHOWS LIKE "GOSSIP GIRL", "SKINS", AND "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" USED TO FILL. THOSE AUDIENCES, THAT FEELING, THOSE MOMENTS IN TELEVISION HISTORY.

WHAT THIS IS NOT

THIS IS NOT ANOTHER FLACCID MELODRAMA ABOUT SPOILED RICH KIDS WHO PARTY, ABUSE DRUGS, STEAL DADDY'S CAR, AND SQUANDER THEIR PARENTS FORTUNE (LIKE THE O.C OR 90210) BUT INSTEAD AN EDGY, INTIMATE PEEK INSIDE THE LIVES OF TODAY'S HIGH SCHOOLER AND THE STRUGGLES THEY FACE, REGARDLESS OF WEALTH, CLASS, GENDER OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND.

THIS IS NOT A PG SHOW; WE WILL DIVE INTO THE LIVES OF THE ADULTS AND THERE WILL BE TEENS (ADULT ACTORS) CONSUMING DRUGS, HAVING SEX, AND MURDER... EXCITING RIGHT?

THE INSPIRATION, LOOK, TONE AND STYLE

- FUN, LIVELY, FLIRTY, YOUNG
- KINETIC, HYPERREAL, STYLISH, POSH
- BRET EASTON ELLIS TEEN NOVELS AND FILMS
- A24 INDEPENDENT LOOK A.L.A. CINEMA VERITE STYLE
- EUPHORIA CINEMATOGRAPHY (BARRY LEVINSON) - SATURATED & MUTED COLORS, DEEP SHADOWS

AN EDGY TEEN DRAMA THAT INCORPORATES ELEMENTS OF COMEDY (LOW & HIGH), CRIME, AND OF COURSE ROMANCE



SEASON 1 EPISODE LIST

1. PILOT / FIRST DAY
JAMAL IS ACCEPTED INTO EXCELSIOR PREP, THE TOP PRIVATE SCHOOL IN NYC, WHERE HIS LIFE IS FOREVER CHANGED. TYREL AND OLIVIER DECIDE TO HELP SCOTT SELL HIS DRUGS & RECRUIT JAMAL.
2. MEET JAMIE
JAMAL'S BROTHER, JAMIE, IS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND MEETS UP WITH JAMAL. JAMAL MEETS SCOTT; THE BOYS SELL COKE FOR THE FIRST TIME. VIRGINIA HAS A CRISIS AT WORK. SAVANNAH AND SIMONE STEAL FROM BERGDORF. OLIVIER AND SIMONE GO ON A DATE AND DISCUSS THEIR RELATIONSHIP. SIMONE ENDS UP CHEATING WITH AN OLDER MAN.
3. ADAPT OR DIE
JAMAL BEGINS TO ADJUST TO THE NEW SCHOOL & THE UES AND TAKES SAVANNAH ON THEIR FIRST DATE. JAMAL LEARNS ABOUT SAVANNAH KLEPTOMANIA AND SHOPLIFTING. JAMAL BRINGS HIS SISTER, ASHANTI, TO A PARTY WHERE TYREL AND HER HIT IT OFF. JAMAL WARNS TYREL FROM SPEAKING TO HIS SISTER BUT TYREL DISOBEYS. VIRGINIA GOES ON A DATE WITH AN ASIAN DOCTOR. NASIR CALLS FROM PRISON.
4. TRICK OR TREAT
TYREL AND OLIVER TAKE JAMAL ON A HALLOWEEN JOYRIDE AND THEY SNEAK INTO A CLUB. JAMAL AND SAVANNAH'S ROMANCE GROWS. SAVANNAH GETS A LARGE BACK TATTOO. THE BOYS SELL MORE DRUGS & THEIR REPUTATION GROWS. TYREL, JAMAL, OLIVIER DECIDE TO BREAK AWAY FROM SELLING FOR SCOTT AND SELL ON THEIR OWN. THEY MEET GIRLS FROM ANOTHER PREP SCHOOL AND JAMAL IS TEMPTED TO CHEAT WITH ONE OF THE GIRLS. SIMONE ODS, A SUICIDE ATTEMPT. THE CLUB BRING SIMONE TO JAMAL'S HOME WHERE VIRGINIA NURSES HER BACK TO HEALTH BUT HIS FRIENDS SEE HOW JAMAL REALLY LIVES.
5. TRIP TO THE HAMPTONS/THANKSGIVING/ PLAN B
TYREL INVITES JAMAL TO JOIN THE CLUB AT HIS FAMILY'S HOUSE IN THE HAMPTONS FOR THANKSGIVING. JAMAL LEARNS MORE ABOUT SAVANNAH AND THE OTHER STUDENTS LIVES. JAMAL AND SAVANNAH HAVE SEX WITHOUT PROTECTION AND MUST GET PLAN B. SCOTT LEARNS THAT TYREL, OLIVIER AND JAMAL ARE SELLING DRUGS TO OTHER SCHOOLS WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION & HE'S PISSED. SCOTT CONFRONTS THE BOYS.
6. WINTER WONDERLAND
WINTER DANCE AND JAMAL'S FINAL TRACK MEET OF THE SEASON, WHERE COLLEGE SCOUTS WILL ATTEND. JAMAL GETS HIGH ON HIS OWN SUPPLY. THE BOYS CONFRONT SCOTT AND OLIVIER KILLS HIM. THE BOYS ARE ARRESTED.
7. MERRY CHRISTMAS/ SEASON FINALE
JAMIE COMMITS A CRIME AND RUNS FROM THE LAW. THE BOYS ARE PUT ON ACADEMIC PROBATION UNTIL THE END OF THEIR TRIAL. THE TRIAL CONVENES & OLIVIER AND TYREL TURN ON JAMAL. JAMAL ARGUES HIS OWN CASE. JAMAL AND TYREL ARE ACQUITTED WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE, WHILE OLIVIER IS PUT INTO JUVENILE DETENTION. WINTER BREAK STARTS.

THE LOCATION(S) & SETTINGS

SET IN NYC'S MANHATTAN UPPER EAST SIDE, UPPER WEST SIDE, CHELSEA AND BED-STUY, BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOODS.

EXCELSIOR:

NESTLED ON 69TH STREET BETWEEN MADISON AND 5TH AVENUE, A STONE'S THROW FROM CENTRAL PARK. THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE CITY BLOCK. THERE IS SEPARATE ATHLETIC BUILDING, COMPLETE WITH NCAA REGULATION SIZED BASKETBALL COURT, TENNIS COURT, OLYMPIC SIZED SWIMMING POOL. THERE IS A SEPERATE FOOTBALL & SOCCER FIELD.

THE MOHAMMED'S HOME:

IN THE HEART OF BEDSTUY BROOKLYN, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOUSING PROJECTS. A HOUSEHOLD THAT LIVES CHECK TO CHECK IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE, AND SPEAKS TO EVERYONE. FRIENDLY YET DANGEROUS.

THE WOODMONT ESTATE:

A 4 STORY 12,000 ESTATE ON 80TH STREET

DOHERTY MANSION:

A MODERN 6000 SQ. FOOT 2 STORY PENTHOUSE ON 81ST STREET BETWEEN PARK AVENUE & MADISON AVENUE.

VAN DEERFIELD BROWNSTONE:

A BEIGE 7000 SQ FOOT BROWNSTONE IN WEST CHELSEA.

MT. MURRAY HOSPITAL:

VIRGINIA'S PLACE OF WORK. A BUSTLING HUB OF ACTIVITY; FREQUENT EMERGENCIES FILL THE EMERGENCY ROOM (WHERE VIRGINIS SPENDS MOST OF HER WORK DAY) WITH A DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT HUB.



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UES NEIGHBORHOOD



BEDSTUY
NEIGHBORHOOD



UES HOME



MOHAMMED HOME

THE THEMES WE EXPLORE (EXCELSIOR'S PROGRAMS)

- HIGH SCHOOLER DEALING WITH ADULT ISSUES
ADDICTIONS TO DRUGS, PEOPLE AND THINGS. RELATIONSHIP WOES
AND TRAUMA.
- LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEEN
- LOVE (& LOVE TRIANGLES)
WE WILL EXPLORE LOVE OF SELF, OTHERS AND THERE WILL BE
MANY, MANY ROMANTIC LOVE TRIANGLES; GET READY.
- RELATIONSHIPS
WE WILL EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIPS PEOPLE HAVE TO
THEMSELVES (SELF IMAGE) & TO OTHERS (FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
LOVERS)
- IDENTITY AND THE DICHOTOMY OF PERSONALITY
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLACK, WHITE, RICH OR POOR?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "PLAY A PART" OR "PERSON"?
- CLASS
WE WILL SHOW HOW PEOPLE ARE ALL THE SAME DESPITE BEING IN
DIFFERENT CLASSES AND SOCIOECONOMIC LEVELS, BY SHOWCASING
THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY OF HUMAN NATURE. WE ALL GO THROUGH
THE SAME SHIT AND SUGAR, DESPITE WHAT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT MAY
LOOK LIKE.
- CULTURE, CULTURE CLASH & CULTURE SHOCK
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE FROM VERY DIFFERENT CULTURES COME
TOGETHER; WHAT ARCS, TRANSFORMATIONS AND TRANSFIGURATIONS
OCCUR?
- RACE & INTERRACIAL DATING
WE WILL EXPLORE TEENS AND ADULTS WHO DATE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF
THEIR RACE AND THE STIGMA AND PREJUDICE THAT IS ASSOCIATED
WITH THAT.
- THE HUMAN CONDITION: DREAMS, REALITIES, FEARS, ADDICTIONS
- ALLIANCES

THE CHARACTERS AND THEIR ARCS

THE MAIN TEENS

JAMAL ALI MOHAMMED - LEAD

OUR PROTAGONIST. A H.S JUNIOR, TRACK STAR AND BRIGHT STUDENT, HE RECEIVES GETS A FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO EXCELSIOR PREP. HE CARRIES AN UNDERSTATED CONFIDENCE AND IS ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES. HIS FATHER IS VIRGINA MOHAMMED AND NASIR MOHAMMED. A PRODUCT OF GEN Z, BROOKLYN, VIDEO GAMES AND SPORTS. HE'S RAISED BY HIS MOTHER VIRG. MOST OF HIS LIFE, HIS FATHER IS IN AND OUT OF JAIL AND HIS BROTHER FOLLOWS IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. HE WANTS TO BE THE ANTITHESIS OF HIS FATHER AND BROTHER, BUT HE STILL LOVES THEM. HE'S SEEN AS A MOMMAS BOY AND TRIES TO REBEL AGAINST THAT IMAGE BY HANGING OUT WITH OLDER KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HE'S SEEN AS THE "STAR" IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ACADEMICALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY. HES EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, BRIGHT AND PHYSICALLY TALENTED, A NATURAL BORN ATHLETE.

JAMAL'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, JAMAL TRANSFORMS FROM NAIVE & AMBITIOUS BROOKLYN BOY TO POPULAR PREP SCHOOL DRUG DEALER. HE STARTS OUT OUT OF PLACE IN EXCELSIOR AND THROUGHOUT THE SERIES FIND HIS FOOTING, COURAGE AND DARK NATURE. THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, HE STRUGGLES WITH CODE SWITCHING HIDING HIS REAL LIFE FROM THE STUDENTS AT EXCELSIOR.

THE 69 CLUB ... BUT, WHAT IS THE 69 CLUB?

THE NAME OF THE CLIQUE THAT ENCOMPASSES: TYREL, SIMONE, OLIVIER, SAVANNAH AND NOW JAMAL. THE CREME DE LA CREME OF EXCELSIOR AND THE MOST POPULAR STUDENTS IN SCHOOL. "THE SCHOOL IS ON 69TH ST BETWEEN MADISON AND 5TH AVENUE & OF COURSE BECAUSE OF ALL THE SEX"

SAVANNAH DOHEARTY (JAMAL'S LOVE INTEREST) - LEAD

16 YEARS OLD, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. SHES THE SCHOOL'S "GOLDEN GIRL". SHE'S KIND, LIKED BY ALL, LOYAL AND INTELLIGENT. HOWEVER, SHE'S ALSO A COKE ADDICT, KLEPTOMANIAC AND SHOPOLIC. HER CONTRASTING NATURE CREATE AN INNER TURMOIL WITHIN HER. SHE FACES SOCIETAL PRESSURE, FAMILIAL PRESSURE, GENDER NORMS TO BE A "GOOD WHITE GIRL". HER FAMILY OWNS A SUCCESSFUL, MULTI MILLION DOLLAR FASHION BRAND NAME "HEART". SHE FALLS FOR JAMAL THE FIRST TIME THEY MEET AND BEGINS TO LOVE HIM THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. SHE

KEEPS HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM A SECRET FROM HER AFFLUENT AND RACIST FAMILY.

SAVANNAH'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, SAVANNAH TRANSFORM FROM TROUBLED TEEN TO LOYAL & RESOURCEFUL FRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND WITH THE HELP OF HER FRIENDS.

TYREL WOODMOUNT III - LEAD

JAMAL'S FRIEND AND RIVAL. A 16 YEAR OLD H.S JUNIOR. THINK A LIGHTER HAIR JUDE LAW FROM "TALENTED MR. RIPLEY". SIMONE IS HIS SISTER. HE'S A PLAYBOY, ARROGANT, POMPOUS, CALLOUS, MANIPULATIVE, SARCASTIC (THESE ALL SERVE AS ARMOR TO HIS INSECURITIES ABOUT HIS LOOKS), BUT ALSO VERY SYMPATHETIC. HIS FAMILY'S NET WORTH IS 160 MILLION DOLLARS AND HE IS THE HEIR TO THE FORTUNE AND HIS FATHER BUSINESS. HE ABUSES COKE AND PILLS. HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE SWIMMING TEAM. HE WANTS TO BE ACCEPTED AND LOVED FOR WHO HE TRULY IS NOT BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS, POPULARITY AND WEALTH.

TYREL'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, TYREL GOES FROM COCKY, FULL-OF-HIMSELF KING OF EXCELSIOR TO A HUMBLE, COMPASSIONATE AND CRIMINAL YOUNG MAN.

OLIVIER VANDEERFIELD - LEAD

16 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. TYREL'S RIGHTHAND MAN. HIS FATHER IS A TOP ESTATES LAWYER. HE'S ATTRACTIVE, HUMBLE (DESPITE HIS WEALTH), AND CONSIDERED NICE (HIDING EXPLOSIVE AGGRESSION & RAGE). HE'S THE GOOD SON, BOYFRIEND AND FRIEND BUT IS WILLING TO RISK & LOSE IT ALL DUE TO HIS SELF DESTRUCTIVE HABITS. HE DATES SIMONE BUT HER INCREASING ERRATIC BEHAVIOR IS MAKING HIM HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS. HE IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE TRACK TEAM.

OLIVIER'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, OLIVIER TRANSFORMS FROM TYREL'S LOYAL SIDEKICK TO BOLD AND EXPRESSIVE, FINDING HIS AUTHENTIC VOICE, DESPITE THE CONSEQUENCES.

SIMONE WOUNDMOUNT - LEAD

15 YEAR OLD H.S SOPHOMORE. SHE IS THE ATYPICAL "RICH, POPULAR GIRL", WHO IS ALSO A DRUG ADDICT, SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS AND EXPERIMENTAL. SHE IS A TALENTED, TROUBLED PAINTER WHO WANTS TO OPEN AN ART GALLERY, WHICH HER FATHER RESENTS. SHE BATTLES SEXUAL TRAUMA (POSSIBLY BY THE HANDS OF HER FATHER). SHE IS HER

FAMILY'S BLACK SHEEP. BLONDE, THIN, WAIFY, ATTRACTIVE/
MODELESQUE.

SIMONE'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, SIMONE TRANSFORMS FROM
TRULY TROUBLED PROMISCUOUS & DRUG ADDICTED TEEN TO LOYAL,
RELIABLE FRIEND.

ASHANTI MOHAMMED

JAMAL'S YOUNGER SISTER. 14 YEAR OLD H.S FRESHMAN. MATURE FOR HER
AGE, SHE TAKES AFTER HER MOTHER VIRGINIA. SHE IS STRONG WILLED,
INDEPENDENT, INTELLIGENT AND INSECURE. THROUGHOUT THE SERIES,
SHE DATES 2 OLDER BOYS, ONE IS A HONOR ROLL SCHOLAR, THE OTHER
IS A BAD BOY DRUG DEALER. WHEN SHE DISCOVERS THE JAMAL HAS BEGUN
TO SELL DRUGS, SHE COVERS FOR HIM. SHE IS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO
JAMIE, HER OLDEST BROTHER.

ASHANTI'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, ASHANTI GOES FROM MOTHERS
FAV TO AN EXPERIENCED PARTYING YOUNG WOMAN.

DAYSHAWN WHITAKER (BUT HE GOES BY SHAWN)

16 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. THE CAPTAIN AND STAR OF THE
BASKETBALL TEAM, HE IS JAMAL'S BEST FRIEND BESIDES THE 69 CLUB.
HE'S ATHLETIC, POPULAR, CHARMING, AND LIKABLE. HE'S SEEN AS THE
"SPORT STAR" ON CAMPUS AND HE DATES ANGELINA FORRESTER BUT
HARBORS A DARK SECRET; HE'S A CLOSETED HOMOSEXUAL.

DAYSHAWN'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, DAYSHAWN TRANSFORMS FROM
CLOSETED POPULAR JOCK TO CONFIDENT OPENLY GAY YOUNG MAN.

ANGLINE FORRESTER

A 16 YEAR OLD H.S JUNIOR. SHE IS PRESIDENT OF EXCELSIOR'S BLACK
UNION CLUB. SHE DEVELOPS A CRUSH ON JAMAL BUT EVENTUALLY ENDS UP
WITH DAYSHAWN. SHE IS ON A FULL RIDE TO EXCELSIOR, FOR
BASKETBALL AND TENNIS. SHE COMES FROM A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY OF
UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS. SHE'S MIXED RACE BLACK.

ANGELINE'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, ANGELINE TRANSFORMS FROM
SEEN AS JUST ONE OF EXCELSIOR'S TOKEN BLACKS TO A RESPECTABLE
COMMUNITY ORGANIZER & LEADER.

TYRA RUIZ

A 16 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. SHE IS OLIVIER'S SIDE PIECE. SHE'S HISPANIC; HER FAMILY OWNS A CHAIN OF SUCCESSFUL LATIN RESTAURANTS. SHE HAS INSECURITIES ABOUT HER LOOKS AND TRIES DESPERATELY TO FIT IN WITH THE 69 CLUB, BY BUYING DESIGNER CLOTHES AND LUXURY ITEMS WITH HER PARENTS CREDIT CARDS.

TYRA'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, TYRA TRANSFORMS FROM QUIET SPOKEN LAP DOG OF SIMONE & SAVANNAH TO THEIR EQUALLY POPULAR RIVAL.

THE MAIN ADULTS

VIRGINIA MOHAMMED - LEAD

JAMAL'S MOTHER. A 45YO, NURSE, AND BACKBONE OF THE MOHAMMED CLAN. BORN AND RAISED IN BEDSTUY BROOKLYN, AT THE ONSET OF THE CRACK EPIDEMIC. SHE'S SEEN THE RISE AND FALL OF BROOKLYN. SHE COMES FROM A STRICT CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD BUT REBELLED AS A YOUNG GIRL, RUNNING THE STREETS, WHERE SHE MET NASIR, A YOUNG THUG. AT FIRST SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM BUT EVENTUALLY GIVES IN TO HIS ADVANCES WHEN HE SHOWS UP TO HER DOORSTEP WITH ROSES, AND ESSENTIALLY SWEEPS HER OFF HER FEET. NASIR WAS ARRESTED AS A YOUNG MAN, WHILE VIRG WAS PREGNANT WITH JAMIE. AFTER NASIR IS FIRST RELEASED FROM PRISON, HE COMES BACK A MUSLIM. VIRGINIA LIKES THE CHANGE AND ALSO CONVERTS. SHE PUTS ON A STRONG FRONT FOR HER FAMILY AND CHILDREN BUT IS HURT BY HER NASIR AND JAMIE'S LIVES

VIRGINIA'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, VIRGINIA TRANSFORMS FROM CYNICAL AND DEDICATED MOTHER & NURSE TO LIBERATED WOMAN.

NASIR MOHAMMED

JAMAL'S FATHER, A CAREER CRIMINAL, NOW CONVICTED AND IMPRISONED FOR 1 ACCOUNT OF MANSLAUGHTER. A GOOD MAN BUT HIS CHECKERED PAST AND POOR UPBRINGING CONTINUES TO LAND HIM BACK INTO CRIME AND JAIL. HE BECOMES A MUSLIM IN PRISON. BORN IN HARLEM DURING ITS CRACK EPIDEMIC, HE MOVED TO EAST NY, BROOKLYN WITH HIS FAMILY (MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTER) AS A TEEN. HIS FATHER WAS A DRUG DEALER, THEN CRACK ADDICT, WHO EVENTUALLY DIED OF AN HEROIN OVERDOSE. HE WAS TAKEN UNDER A HARLEM DRUG LORD'S CREW, WHO HE RAN NUMBERS FOR AND THEN GRADUATED TO WEED, AND EVENTUALLY COKE. HE MET VIRGINIA WHILE RUNNING AROUND BROOKLYN SELLING DRUGS. VIRGINIA DIDN'T LIKE HIM AT FIRST BUT HIS PERSISTENCE WON HER OVER. THEY SHACKED UP AND HAD JAMES OR "JAMIE", BUT AFTER HIS FIRST ARREST AND RELEASE, HE CONTINUED TO END UP BACK IN JAIL, TIME & TIME AGAIN.

NASIR'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, NASIR TRANSFORMS FROM JAILBIRD (& OBVIOUSLY ABSENT FATHER) TO DEVOUT & INVOLVED (DESPITE IT BEING BEHIND BARS) FATHER.

JAMIE MOHAMMED

JAMAL'S OLDER CON-ARTIST OLDER BROTHER. A 26 YEAR OLD, RAISED IN THE 2000'S ERA OF CARTOON NETWORK, MOTOROLA SIDEKICK, FACEBOOK, MYSPACE AND SOULJA BOY. HIS AGGRESSIVE AND TOUGH PERSONA HIDE A KIND AND INSECURE INTERIOR. TAKES NO SHIT, FROM NO ONE. HE'S WHAT YOU CONSIDER "HOOD": WEAR JORDANS, SWEARS PROFUSELY, PLAYS LOUD MUSIC, AND DATES MULTIPLE WOMAN BUT SURPRISINGLY HAS NOT KNOCKED UP ANYONE, YET. HE IS ARRESTED FOR DEALING DRUGS AND IS RELEASED JUST AS JAMAL BEGINS SCHOOL. HE'S ALSO ASSAULTED VIRGINIA MOHAMMED SO, JAMAL AND HER DO NOT WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM. HE IS NOW A MUSLIM.

JAMIE'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, JAMIE TRANSFORMS FROM PETTY CAREER CRIMINAL INTO A NYC DRUG LORD, BECOMING INCREASINGLY RECKLESS, PARANOID AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE.

SCOTT SKEETE - THE VET DRUG DEALER

EARLY THIRTIES, BURNOUT LOSER, TATTOOED, CAME FROM WEALTH BUT SQUANDERED MOST OF HIS INHERITANCE. HE NOW SELLS COKE, MOLLY, PILLS, BENZOS AND WEED TO RICH FINANCE MEN, BORED PARK AVENUE HOUSEWIVES, AND PRIVATE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOLERS. HE'S JADED AND NUMB. HE BELIEVES HE LIVES WITH VALUES AND MORALS BUT HIS ACTIONS SAY OTHERWISE.

THINK RIFF RAFF MEETS DREXL FROM TRUE ROMANCE, WITHOUT THE BRAIDS.

SCOTT'S ARC - THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, SCOTT TRANSFORMS FROM PETTY DRUG DEALER TO MANHATTAN DRUG LORD, DRUNK WITH HIS NEW WEALTH AND DANGEROUS.

THE SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

THE SUPPORTING TEENS

ALEJANDRO PIQUE

A SPANISH LOOKING KID WHO ACTS STEREOTYPICALLY "BLACK", HE THINKS HE GETS A PASS TO ACT BLACK BECAUSE OF THIS

SEBASTIAN SEAVEAU

BISEXUAL ART STUDENT ON SCHOLARSHIP, THINK BASQUIAT

NELSON VARGAS

A 17 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. HE'S DOMINICAN, PUERTO RICAN , BLACK (A MUTT). HE SLIGHTLY OVERWEIGHT, A GAMER, AND TECH SAVVY. HE ATTENDS JAMAL'S PREVIOUS SCHOOL. HE RESENTS THE "NEW" JAMAL THAT DEVELOPS THROUGHOUT THE SERIES.

THE SUPPORTING ADULTS

LISA CUMMINGS

EXCELSIOR'S PRINCIPAL. A DIVORCED WOMAN IN HER 40S, YET STILL NOT HAVING LOST ANY OF HER LOOKS AND CHARM. SHE FREQUENTLY BERATES SIMONE, WHO THINKS CUMMINGS HAS IT IN FOR HER, BUT CUMMINGS REALLY JUST SEES SIMONE AS HER YOUNGER SELF. TYREL FREQUENTLY TRIES TO SEDUCE HER, AND FAILS. SHE FLIRTS WITH OLIVIER (THEY COULD HAVE A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP)

DR. EDGAR "MONTY" MONTGOMERY

THE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND TRACK COACH. AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST AND HARVARD ALUM, HE SERVES AS A MORAL COMPASS AND VOICE OF REASON FOR JAMAL ON THE TRACK FIELD AND WHEN JAMAL BEGINS TO BE SENT TO HIS OFFICE FOR BREAKING EXCELSIOR'S RULES.

*** CUMMINGS AND MONTY ARE HAVING AN AFFAIR AND ARE SLEEPING TOGETHER.

KATRINA

JAMIE'S RIDE OR DIE GIRLFRIEND. SHE AIDES JAMIE WHILE HE'S IN JAIL BY SUPPLYING HIM WITH GOODS AND DRUGS TO SELL WHILE IN PRISON AND OUTSIDE OF PRISON IN HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. SHE'S SELF DESTRUCTIVE, CRUDE YET ALSO NURTURING AND SUPPORTIVE. ATHENA: MOTHER DAUGHTER/ SOCIAL CLIMBER/ BACKSTABBER & DEMETER: NURTURER/ OVER-CONTROLLING MOTHER ARCHETYPES

TYREL WOODMOUNT THE 2ND

TYREL'S FATHER. A HEDGE FUND MANAGER AND REAL ESTATE INVESTOR. A CONSUMMATE CHEATER. HE'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING HIS CHILDREN (ESP. SIMONE) OUT OF HER MESSES BUT HE'S STARTING TO LOSE HIS PATIENCE WITH HER.

MAXWELL VANDEERFIELD

OLIVIER'S FATHER. A TOP TRUSTS AND ESTATES LAWYER. A HARD MAN WHO GAMBLES AND IS VERBALLY, SOMETIMES PHYSICALLY, ABUSIVE TO OLIVIER

ARTHUR VANDEERFIELD

OLIVIER'S OLDER BROTHER. FINANCIAL SERVICE FIRM PARTNER

THE MUSIC/ SOUNDTRACK

- POP & POP HIP HOP (THINK TOP 40 BILLBOARD MAINSTREAM RAP SONGS)
- ELECTRONIC
- ROCK (FOR SCENES WITH PARTIES, FIGHTS, SEX)
- CLASSICAL (FOR DRAMATIC SCENES)

FRANCHISE POTENTIAL

ALL OF THE MAIN 69 CLUB MEMBER CHARACTERS (TYREL, SIMONE AND SIMONE) ARE SO UNIQUE, COMPLEX, VIBRANT, MULTI-LAYERED AND MULTI-TEXTURED, THAT ANY ONE OF THEM COULD HAVE THEIR OWN SPIN-OFF SERIES. ALL OF THE CHARACTERS LIVES AND BACKSTORIES COULD BE EXPLORED.

WE COULD ALSO EXPLORE JAMIE MOHAMMED AND ASHANTI MOHMAMMED'S LIVES.