



Koehi Bi William Zoman

19 years old | EMINES | 2nd year
3 brothers

Hometown: Zuenoula (Ivory Coast)



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Thoughtful, structured, and endowed with a keen sense of responsibility, Koehi Bi William impresses with his clear-eyed view of the world.

Hailing from Zuenoula in Ivory Coast, Koehi Bi William comes from a family where everyone is ahead of their age. As the eldest, he feels the responsibility of being a role model: «There’s the little brother who looks up to the older brother, and that pressure pushes me to grow and give of myself. Often, when it’s difficult, I think about that and it gives me strength to keep moving forward,» he confides, already aware of the expectations that weigh on him despite his 19 years. This strong sense of responsibility is evident in many aspects of his life: towards his parents, his studies, the environment, and the world of tomorrow. Koehi Bi William, who takes the time to carefully consider each word before responding, stands out for his quest for meaning and unusual introspection for someone his age.

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His academic journey reflects this early maturity. At 16, he earned his scientific baccalaureate and then joined the preparatory classes at the INPHB in Yamoussoukro. It was there that he first heard about the EMINES program at UM6P, which immediately caught his attention. «There are many subjects covered that ultimately produce an engineer capable of understanding the world in all its complexity,» he explains. Koehi Bi William goes on to discuss human aspects, economics, and the insufficiency of pure technical knowledge in solving the problems of today and tomorrow. He is convinced that the interconnection of knowledge is essential to facing future challenges.

Passionate about a variety of subjects, Koehi Bi William is also interested in lite-

nature, foreign languages, and geopolitics. «A lot of crises are shaking the world. What are their roots? Can we imagine a world without crises? These are questions I ask myself often,» he shares. When asked if he ever stops thinking, he laughs and admits that he needs «frequent meetings with himself.» This tendency for introspection doesn't equate to anxiety for Koehi Bi William. On the contrary, it drives him to action. «I can show signs of stress, but nothing extreme.»

Koehi Bi William is no stranger to difficulties. Coming from an underprivileged background that didn't predestine him for higher education, he has had to overcome numerous material and geographical obstacles. Today, the question of the world and its future is constantly on his mind. But again, rather than letting it become a source of anxiety, Koehi Bi William takes action. He has initiated several projects on campus, including creating a club focused on climate issues and a waste management project.

Passionate about music, he enjoys playing the piano and is currently taking online lessons to improve his skills. He is also interested in artificial intelligence and data science, which he explores through online courses. Finally, sports are also part of his routine, though he humorously admits not being very skilled at football. «People say, how is it that you're good at school but so awkward at trivial tasks?» Koehi Bi William laughs, embracing his differences. «I really like the person I'm becoming,» he adds.



When asked to project himself professionally, Koehi Bi William hesitates in the face of the many options available to him: teaching, mathematics, engineering, physics, industrial management, social sciences... He acknowledges that he still has trouble settling on one path: «At the core, I'm someone who is multidisciplinary and versatile.» He takes the time to weigh material and environmental constraints, political crises, climate change, and individualism, which he believes generates conflict. Koehi Bi William refuses to work for industries that lack social and environmental responsibility. Ultimately, he concludes: «I don't know exactly what I'm going to do, but I know exactly what I'm not going to do.»