At the same time Roscoe Hill Jr. studies for his college classes at Texas Southern University, he also trains hard for boxing. You see, Roscoe is not only pursuing a college degree – he has his sight on becoming the next national champion in the 141 Weight Class.

...And he’s off to a great start. The TSU freshman, who has been boxing since 10, has won three golden glove championships. Now at 18, Roscoe recently won the Under 19 National Championship. That qualifies him to become a member of the USA Team, earning him the right to represent the USA on October 21 – Nov. 2 at the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship in Mexico. He departs October 13th for acclimation camp in Colorado Springs, CO.

“This is a great opportunity for Roscoe to get valuable international experience and represent his country through sports,” stated Andrew Madigan, USA Boxing Coordinator, for the US Amateur Boxing Inc.

For any student-athletes who are still in school this will not be a vacation away from school. Along with their training in Colorado, tutors will be provided to assist them with any school work. Roscoe says he has already completed all paperwork requirements with his instructors and the school and that he’s “alright to go.”

“I am very excited to be a part of the USA Team,” Roscoe stated clinging tightly to his championship belt that weighs more than 20 pounds. Smiling widely he explained, “In order to get to the championships, a boxer has to win certain tournaments – this gives you ranking and points necessary to participate at the next level.”
He speaks passionately about his dedication to the sport, stating that on most days his schedule is the same. I run, sleep, go to school, hit the gym. When he was younger, he laughs, “well, younger than I am now, I fought for the George Foreman Youth Center in the Little York and Aldine Area of the city. He was involved with the Professional Amateur Boxing Association (PABA).

His dad, Roscoe Sr., is his trainer. “He keeps me on track and on my daily schedule in the gym where I jump rope, shadow box, spar, hit the punching bags, do crunches and sit up’s. He credits the discipline of the sport with helping him keep a positive attitude, staying in shape and remaining health conscious. “The discipline,” he says, “will have a rippling effect and will help me in school too. I have to be disciplined, focused and have structure. It’s the only way I’m going to be successful.”

Rosco is no stranger to Texas Southern University. His older brother, Zachery Hill is studying accounting at TSU. He has other siblings; another older brother, a younger brother, an older sister and a younger sister. Even with his tough schedule, Roscoe plans to finish his studies at TSU in four years. The Westfield High School graduate loves math and plans to major in Business Management in TSU’s Jesse H. Jones School of Business.

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