



Dorian said that the most rewarding parts of his career so far have been "being able to show people, mostly kids, that hard work pays off and seeing the happy looks and bright smiles that I put on faces of my fans as I box and showcase my skills."

Dorian works extremely hard to balance his school work and his boxing. He credits being able to manage his time as one of the biggest factors. "It's been tough, but hard work and dedication, not to mention time management, is the key to balancing the two." His ability to commit so fully to these two main aspects of his life is truly admirable. "I have to put in just as much time and effort in

my books as I do in the ring. Sometimes it can be tiring, but I have to suck it up and take care of my business," Dorian said.

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Dorian devotes himself fully to his sport. He began boxing at the age of 14, his career starting out in the form of training at the PAL (Police Athletic League) gym in Long Beach. His father wanted him to have a safe place to go after school and PAL was the per-

fect fit. PAL offered sports of all types to children. There was boxing, basketball, karate, weight lifting and many other activities. PAL connected local youth with the police department in a positive, friendly environment.

"PAL is such an important organization for kids to be able to have a place to go and grow up," Dorian said. "I grew up in the inner-city, it's easy to find trouble, this is a safer place." Unfortunately in October, 2008, however, all three of the Long Beach branches of PAL were closed down due to budget cuts. More than 1,000 members were forced to find other places to go to train. Dorian, as well as many of the children he has helped train, con-

tinue to persevere and fight through the struggle of losing their gym. Dorian's interests in athletics began a long time before he began to box. As a young child, he participated in a variety of sports. He played football, basketball, baseball and volleyball. "Once I stepped into the boxing ring I put all of those sports to the side and focused 100 percent on being the best boxer I could be," Dorian said.

Dorian Anthony is a true inspiration to the world. His love of life shines through everywhere he goes. His dedication has shown him many rewards and will surely continue to do so throughout his career.

