

'American Idol' Eliminated Contestant Adanna Duru Says the Reality TV Show "Is Like Superstar College!"



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Being on the [reality TV](#) show *American Idol* is not all fun and games. When it comes down to it, the contestants are there to learn and improve so that they will be successful in the music industry. After the top 11 performances last week, the judges used the save on Qaasim Middleton, which meant that two of the hopefuls were sent home this week. Unfortunately, the journey ended for 18-year-old Adanna Duru. This came as a shock to the viewers and judges alike. In our celebrity interview, Duru says that she plans to "constantly stay active now because the fans look up to us and they want to see you doing things."

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A previous contestant on the third season of *The Voice*, she is no stranger to performing in front of large crowds. The eliminated contestant learned so much just by being on *American Idol* because of the professional atmosphere. "I'm all for self-improvement, and I'm always trying to figure out how to better myself," she shares. "People get knocked down;

that's what life is about. You just have to seize the opportunities and go for it as hard as you can."

It's no surprise that judges Keith Urban, Jennifer Lopez, and Harry Connick Jr. taught her a few things too. "I learned that I can do a lot under pressure and with a lot of stress," she explains. Big Machine Records founder Scott Borchetta also reminded her that she needed to be confident and that she could do anything that she puts her mind to. "*American Idol* is like superstar college," she says with a laugh. "It's like university. You're preparing for the future, and you learn a lot."

Adanna Duru on Being Eliminated From *American Idol*

Duru auditioned for *American Idol* in San Francisco. The California native made it past the first few rounds but was not voted into the top 10 by the fans. Instead, the judges chose her as the final wildcard and advanced her into the top 12, which she describes as the most surprising thing that happened to her all season. Once the show continued, the judges questioned her song choice at times. Even so, she sticks with her decisions: "If I did this entire experience over, I would still have sang all the songs I sang."

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She adds that she isn't sad about being eliminated because "whatever happens is in God's will. There are some things we don't have control over, but the universe has a way of working things out."

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