

Mahershala Ali

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To really be conscious of how long the journey is, be patient, push yourself, persevere and always be working on your craft while waiting for your break.

~Mahershala Ali

The people that I admire have a wonderful balance of self-belief and humility.

~Mahershala Ali

Hold tight to the mentality of being a student, meaning hold on to curiosity and approach life as a student.

~Mahershala Ali

I always hope to be a better person tomorrow than today.

~Mahershala Ali

I'm not much of a cook, but I cook a mean bowl of oatmeal.

~Mahershala Ali

I think what I've learned from working on "Moonlight" is we see what happens when you persecute people. They fold into themselves.

~Mahershala Ali

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~Mahershala Ali

I think my mom gave me the borders, she - gave me a very clear understanding of what the perimeter was. And I had to find my fun within those boundaries.

~Mahershala Ali

This is 2003, 2004. And then I started - after the Patriot Act, I would always get my financial packages in the mail and they would just be opened. And it was like, what is going on here?

~Mahershala Ali

It felt like it disrupted my rhythm in growing up. But I will say that I'm really grateful for [my mother's] own personal transition.

~Mahershala Ali

I do think that there are people who are able to connect with and empathize with anyone who is going through something difficult, just naturally. I don't think it's a world of effort for everyone.

~Mahershala Ali

Between the two [parents], it was a really unique upbringing, I think, especially for where I was from.

~Mahershala Ali

Getting to St. Mary's College was a big deal for me because that essentially led to me getting to go to NYU.

~Mahershala Ali

I didn't have the passion for athletics in that way, that there were other parts of me that felt under-served and that needed to be nurtured and needed my energy.

~Mahershala Ali

I played all four years [at St. Mary's College] with - at a certain point, basketball became the thing I was doing most, but it was really in my periphery.

~Mahershala Ali

It was really a focus on how to in some ways keep moving in this direction towards something that allowed me to express myself in a way that sports didn't.

~Mahershala Ali

How do I transform and be believable as Krogstad in "A Doll's House" or Sir Peter Teazle in "A School for Scandal".

~Mahershala Ali

I've personally been on the outside sometimes. But I was - I personally was never persecuted especially in the way in which sharing my own experiences.

~Mahershala Ali

In my time at St. Mary's College, drifting out of sports because it was something that began to feel really finite. And I could see that I didn't have the passion to sustain a career in sports.

~Mahershala Ali

I had read some books on the Baha'i Faith. I had read - I was looking into Buddhism and trying to understand sort of the agnostic approach, so there was just a bunch of stuff I was just looking at.

~Mahershala Ali

Gay, straight - whatever - adolescents in high school and coming out of junior high, that's such a difficult, awkward period and kids can be so cruel and mean.

~Mahershala Ali

Again, having - fortunately having never been in trouble. And eventually I found out that I was on a watch list.

~Mahershala Ali

The freedom that I wanted as a kid would - probably would not have

been good for me and not in the way in which I wanted it.

~Mahershala Ali

I grew up in church. My mom's a minister, and my grandmother was an ordained minister. I was always very mindful of the presence of a greater being I call God.

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