

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Birthplace: Oklahoma City, OK

High School: Southeast HS Specialty School of Technology

Field of Study: Business and Political Science / Pre-Law

OCCC Attendance: Two semesters

Scholarships received: The Safari McDoulett Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Favorite thing about OCCC: The environment. OCCC has so many resources for the students. You can tell that the faculty and staff are there for the students and care about where they go and what they do after they leave their classroom.

What are your educational goals?

It is my goal to attain two degrees from OCCC in Business and Political Science / Pre-Law, then transfer to OU where I will double-major in the same subjects. At OU, they have a Political Science/ Pre-Law program that has a Master's in Public Administration attached to it. Overall, in the next 5 years, I want five degrees - two Associates, two Bachelors, and one Masters.

What are your professional goals?

I want to start a non-profit organization for the citizens of Oklahoma City that will help build up our community. I also want to become an Oklahoma State Senator or hold some public office.

You have been participating in the Students Connecting with Mentors for Success Program.

What has that meant to you?

I owe all my success to the program. My mentors are significant change agents in Oklahoma. To name a couple, Bruce Fisher is the state's most renowned African American Historian, and Anastasia Pittman is the State Senator for District 48. This program has taught me, and is still teaching me, to be a professional and is allowing me to fully grow into my potential as a person. The program provides oversight into adulthood and guidance into the professional workforce.

Have you previously lived or are you now living in circumstances you would describe as being more challenging than those facing the standard "broke college student"?

In high school, I became homeless and struggled financially, so I joined the military to help a little. I currently live alone and am trying to manage a job and the military, on top of taking at least 16 credits a semester. I think we all struggle in our own way and see each difficulty from different perspectives. There are people at this school that are in a way worse situation than I am. I am just blessed that I have the opportunity to continue my education.

What has being a scholarship recipient meant to you?

I feel honored that a small description of who we say we are, in conjunction with letters from our references and who they say we are, can provide enough information for someone to believe in us and invest in our future. For someone to believe in my goals and dreams and want to help fund that and help in any way possible is overwhelming.

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