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Tyrek Clark

a junior at Fayetteville State University (FSU). Currently, I am the 2018-2019 President of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and previously its vice president. I am pursuing a bachelor’s in Computer Science with minor in Geo-spatial Intelligence Systems. I was born in Haines City, Florida and moved to Wingate, North Carolina as a kid and then attended Forest Hills High School. I choose to attend FSU because of the wonderful welcome I received when I took my first tour of campus. The enriched learning environment with the unique culture was perfect for me to succeed in. While attending FSU for the past three years, every semester I find new things to do on campus. There is always a career development event in the Broadwell College of Business and Economics to enhance my career readiness.

During my senior year of high school, I found out about an organization named Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) that prepares business minded high schoolers for college and how to present themselves in business settings. After learning all my friends planned on attending the interest meeting, I was eager to join immediately. Following membership to FBLA, the organization held a major Christmas event for children and handed out gifts, books, and food. I relished this moment because of the happiness we brought to the children and their families.

While walking to my Entrepreneur Class during my freshman year in the Broadwell Building, I notice a flyer about an organization that focused on volunteering and preparing college students for professional environments. I attended the interest meeting and was amazed to hear about FSU having an active chapter of FBLA on the colligate level named Phi Beta Lambda. PBL upholds education, service and progress while actively helping in the local community. I enjoy PBL because of volunteering along with the proud members and the professional division members who have been supporting the student’s academics and all the conferences we attend. I believe all my professors here at FSU are preparing me as well, to not only be successful in my career field but to be a great man.

When I graduate, I plan on becoming a Network Engineer or a GIS Analyst. While continuing my education for my bachelors, I took one of my Computer Science electives and discovered I really enjoyed managing network systems. At the same time, I was gaining skills on how to make geo-spatial maps for visual representation. Last summer I was able to obtain an internship with the City of Fayetteville Community and Economic Development Department, I learned about the industry need of GIS capabilities and how to implement my coursework to solve problems. I created a presentation for all the department projects within their five-year consolidation plan. I am currently looking to acquire an internship that is more dedicated to computer programming or managing computer networks. I think after the computer science internship I will be more knowledgeable about either my major or my minor and be able to choose the correct career field. I am grateful for all the Broadwell College of Business has done for a non-business major like myself.
Erykah Briggs-White

Erykah Briggs-White is a senior at Fayetteville State University (FSU) majoring in Healthcare Administration with a minor in Health Information Technology. She credits FSU for helping her define confidence, developing her leadership skills, and gaining lifelong friendships; also, her mentor Dr. Norris Gunby for helping her realize her full potential. Throughout her time spent at FSU she has served as a member on Royal Court, Student Government Association, Dean’s Student Advisory Council, Healthcare Administration Society and many other organizations. She has gained many opportunities with her academic morale such as Dean’s List, Thurgood Marshall Scholar, Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Food Lion American Day Scholar, and White House HBCU Competitiveness Scholar.

While at FSU Erykah, has completed three internships including University of Michigan’s Summer Enrichment Program, Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program, and the Duke Power Workforce Internship program.

In summer 2018, Erykah had the opportunity to intern at the University of Michigan Summer Enrichment Program at the School of Public Health in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She had the opportunity to join 21 other inspiring healthcare professionals over the course of eight-weeks she interned with Trinity Health Senior Communities where she was placed in the department of human resources and focused on turnover and retention in the long-term communities. Also participated in lectures, community service events, GRE preparation, research and networking. Within the history of the 33 cohorts of the prestigious program, she is the first student from FSU to become an alumnus of the Summer Enrichment Program. She states “Fayetteville State and the Ronald E. McNair program gave me the courage to apply and the skills to perform. I wanted to take things to the next level and place FSU on the radar to give others after me a chance just another way to create a legacy for myself.” Through her completion of the Summer Enrichment Program, Erykah has been able to reap the benefits of connecting with their vast alumni networks, assigned mentors and create future opportunities for the ones to come after her.

One of Erykah’s greatest accomplishments to date is being selected as an HBCU Competitiveness Scholar for FSU. Sixty-three students from 54 Historically Black Colleges and Universities were chosen to serve as the ambassador for their university serving as a liaison between their university and the U.S. Department of Education. Every student chosen were nominated by their chancellor or university president and demonstrated academic excellence, entrepreneurial ethos and a go-getter spirit. Comprised of the experience, Erykah attended the National HBCU Conference in Washington, DC in mid-September where she was nationally recognized and participated in a live stream HBCU hacking session.

Closing out of her senior at FSU, Erykah has been accepted into the University of Alabama at Birmingham Master of Health Services Administration Program for the Fall of 2019. This program ranks number two best Healthcare Administration program according to U.S. News. She will be also closing out with an internship post-graduation with Cigna in Tennessee this summer. She is very eager to see where her life after graduation will take her but one thing that she is sure she will continue to carry the teachings of her alma mater with her.
Ahriana Edwards

a sophomore business administration major with a concentration in entrepreneurship at the Broadwell College of Business and Economics at Fayetteville State University (BCBE FSU). Alongside other organizations, I became a member of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in January of 2018. Later in January of 2019, I became an official executive council member.

The AEI Executive Council Program sparked my interests because it gives millennials a chance to discover, analyze, and reflect on the topics of the world today. This program allows me to work and connect with many intelligent individuals and gain their insight and mindset on the historic and contemporary challenges that the United States faces.

I would like to share my experience attending the first AEI Executive Council Eastern Regional Policy Summit as an executive council member at the University of Pennsylvania on February 8-9, 2019. On Friday night, I was welcomed at the beautiful hotel on the University of Pennsylvania’s campus surrounded by inspiring, ambitious, and intelligent executive council members. Later, the executive council members attended an opening dinner in which economic professionals, Jared Bernstein and Ramesh Ponnuru, discussed the competing directions in domestic policy. It was a great opportunity to converse with Jared Bernstein on his outlook of the future, as he was one of the intelligent chief economists who worked under former Vice President Joe Biden in the Obama Administration!

Saturday was jam-packed with discussions ranging from restorative justice, reentry, and prison reform; U.S.-China relations and the return of great power politics; marriage divide and the alienated America and the quest for community. My favorite discussion was on “Crafting an Opportunity Agenda for the Working Class”. I got the chance to see the statistics, trends, and government involvement with the individuals in the working class. I also got a chance to see the solutions and ideas that were projected to help improve the working class. Because I am a first-generation college student in my family, this topic sparked my mindset and ultimately made me want to make even more of a difference in my family legacy and awareness. Which leads me to the importance of knowledge. Information is power!

This summit taught me that what’s going on in the world needs to be put to light and distributed to the knowledge of all millennials today. I am happy to be an advocate for American policy, peer awareness, and the AEI here at BCBE FSU. AEI does an amazing job of making sure that their executive council members have one of the best experiences of a lifetime.
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→ Wednesday, February 27, 3:00 p.m.
→ Thursday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.
→ Monday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.
→ Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 p.m.
→ Wednesday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.
→ Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m.
→ Friday, March 29, 3:00 p.m.

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