

Congratulations



**2021 College
Graduates**

Akshat Shah

Class of 2018



I graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelors of Science in Computer Science and Economics. I've got a job with Epic Systems in Wisconsin, where I am a software developer. I deferred my acceptance to Cornell Law School, so I'll start in fall 2022.

Jamir Blanding

Class of 2017



I graduated from Loyola University Maryland, I got a dual degree in biology and chemistry with a concentration in molecular biology and biochemistry, my post-grad plans are to take the GRE and apply to grad schools, and apply to research positions, my favorite college memory was going abroad for my entire junior year, NJ LEEP supported me throughout my college career by keeping me active through extracurricular professional activities and seminars to stay involved in working at a successful nonprofit.

Rasheed Adewole

Class of 2017



I graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a Bachelor of Arts in Government. Soon, I will be starting my job as an Institutional Asset Management Development Associate at PNC Financial Services Group. My favorite college memory is going on a road trip with my close friends to Vermont to stay at a ski house during the semester. NJ Leep continued to provide me with the much-needed unsolicited advice and connections throughout college, and I've only grown to appreciate the help.

Alexis Brice

Class of 2017



I graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. My post-graduation plans are to work full time in the Marketing department of a media company/ tv network, to begin an entrepreneurial venture that has to do with travel and the black travel experience and to begin making music. My favorite college memory would have to be joining the Notoriously Mesmerizing Nu Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

NJ LEEP/CSS has helped me through my college experience in more ways than I can remember. When I was going through personal issues during my Freshman year, the whole NJ LEEP staff would call me to check in on me and see how I was doing. When I was in doubt regarding my major selection, I was paid a visit by Ms. Osahon and we sat down to discuss the different paths I could take over lunch. All of this accompanied with resume workshops, internship listings, letters of recommendation, and more have helped me tremendously throughout my college experience and for that, I will forever be grateful for the blessing that NJLEEP has proven to be.

Jacqueline Bryan

Class of 2017



I graduated from Spelman College with a Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and a minor in Political Science. I am working full-time as a research fellow at the Office of Economic Development at Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System. Some of my favorite college memories were in the classroom. I loved being a Sociology major, enjoyed the time I was able to spend with my professors, and all the stimulating conversations we had in class. African Diaspora and the World 111 & 112 is an academic rite of passage for all Spelman students. The ADW curriculum and overall experience molded the scholar that I am today, and I am forever grateful for it. Throughout my college experience, LEEP would check-in on us frequently and how we are doing academically and personally. My work in LEEP remains to be a strong foundation that informs my work ethic and future professional goals to this day. I am forever grateful for the support.

Julie-Ann Destine

Class of 2017



I graduated from Smith College with a B.A in Education & Child Study. Immediately, I will be teaching Math to middle school students remotely. My favorite college memory was going to Thai Garden with everyone I could go with! NJ LEEP/ CSS was a huge help to me throughout my college career. I definitely loved the affirmations I received during Crawford's check-ins. It showed me how often I downplayed my accomplishments and the importance of acknowledging what I've been doing! Thanks LEEP!

Samori Etienne

Class of 2017



I graduated from Williams College with B.A. degrees in Theater and English. Currently, I am taking courses in filmmaking online at the New York Film Academy. I am also beginning an unpaid internship with a start-up company in children's entertainment. My favorite college memories are probably all of the plays I was involved in, particularly the one I directed in the Fall of my Junior year. It has been wonderful to have NJ LEEP still in my corner even after graduation from the program.

Najalis Gual

Class of 2017



I graduated from The College of New Jersey with a BA in History Secondary Education. I am currently working at NJLEEP as the Summer 2021 MSP Coordinator and will be teaching US History at North Star Academy - Lincoln Park High School this upcoming school year. My favorite college memory was performing with my college Acappella group. NJ LEEP/CSS helped me through college by always checking up on me and making sure that I was okay and had the support I needed to do well. I always knew that NJ LEEP had my back no matter what.

Jason Remache

Class of 2017



I graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. I plan of pursuing a career as a Nurse Practioner. My favorite college memory was when I was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success. NJ LEEP has helped me with time management, becoming disciplined, and develop study habits.

Shanelle Whyte

Class of 2017



I graduated from Smith College with a B.A. in Government and Study of Women and Gender (SWAG). My favorite college memory was making DIY projects in the Botanical Garden like perfume, soap, and lipstick. really enjoyed getting the care packages and the college visits because it reminded me that I still have a home and community of support with NJ LEEP.

Veronica Griffith

Class of 2014



NJ LEEP and the CSS program has helped model me in to young adult I am today. I was always able to reach out even if it was just for refreshers and advice needed with college. NJ LEEP prepared me on what to expect in college and how to demand my needs as a student. I appreciate everything this program has provided for me to be a successful black women. This wasn't an easy path, after all pressure made a diamond.

Justin Wiggins

Class of 2015

I am graduating from Rutgers University- Newark with a degree in Public Administration and NonProfit. My plans after graduation are to find a career in the public sector i.e councilman and excel from there. My favorite college memory was growing up and wanting more for myself. NJ LEEP was the key in helping me grow up; after a rough semester Rutgers was going to expel me and Ms. Abitanto actually talked to a woman who was also a minority who understood my situation and helped me create a schedule to help me work, take care of my disabled mother and still go to school, and that semester my GPA was a 3.5. NJ LEEP helped me achieve my degree and helped me grow into the man I am today.

Nohad Wahab

Class of 2017



I am infinitely grateful to my mom and brother, without whom this would not have been possible! Thank you both for your endless support and love!

Nohad Wahab

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can't wait to watch your
journey unfold.
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at NJ LEEP.**