

COMMUNITY FOCUS

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I was born and raised on the Northside of Tulsa, OK. I attended ECDC Bunche, Marian Anderson Elementary, Carver Middle School and the best high school ever, Booker T. Washington. I attended the University of Tulsa for my undergraduate studies and obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Biology. Furthering my education, I obtained a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration with a concentration in Leadership and Entrepreneurship and a graduate certificate in Public Health with a concentration in rural and underserved populations from Oklahoma State University, Center for Health Sciences and Stillwater campuses.

Aside from my education, I enjoy attending church, volunteering, creating and canvassing art, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, being a part of community groups and working within my sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. I have a strong passion for working with underrepresented youth and assisting in community and educational endeavors to expose students of color to avenues that may not seem attainable. I work for the OU-TU School of Community Medicine in Student Services as the Admissions, Recruitment and Special Projects Coordinator. My main responsibilities includes administrative and technological support, areas of project management, leadership, admission processes, advisement, mentoring, recruitment, and pipeline programming for high school, undergraduate, medical doctor and physician assistant students. My core strengths are organization, creative design, communication and time management.

I am also heavily involved in personal and professional development and am a part of numerous committees on the Tulsa campus such as the OU Tulsa Staff Senate, a past department leader for the United Way Campaign, a liaison for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, and a member of the SCM Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. I am super excited to be a part of the 2021 OU Leadership Council that will start August 2021. Additionally, I have taken part in several campus interview and scholarship selection committees and drive the OU Tulsa Schusterman Center Sooner Schooner II Medical Bus for special events.

In 2017, I received the NextGen Under 30 Oklahoma Award in the healthcare category. The NextGen Under 30 represents Oklahoma's next Generation of Leaders and Achievers. Now in its seventh year and expanding its scope and state-wide reach, NextGen Under 30 recognizes and encourages the next generation of innovative, creative, and inspiring individuals who push the boundaries in various categories of endeavor. In addition, award winners are selected based upon their participation in and contribution to their communities.



*Next Generation
30 under 30*



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What does working in the healthcare field mean to you?

Working in the health care field means I get the chance to be a part of reshaping the mindset of future health care professionals to be better equipped to combat adversity and be an advocate for their patients in all respects of life.

What was a challenge you faced? How did you overcome it?

The challenge I faced was always being harder on myself than I should have when I didn't perform in the way I knew I could. I overcame it when I realized there will always be someone who is smarter, will work harder and etc. than you and there is no need to be hard on yourself when you are working and doing what is best for you. I always think back to one of my favorite quotes, "Why die a copy, when you can be an original" - Anonymous. If you really think about it, you're fearfully and wonderfully made in God; so why worry.

What advice would you give to your younger-self?

The advice I would give to my younger self is to have a balanced life of fun and educational development. Create a plan for your dreams, stick to it and realize that failure is a part of the journey but it's not a place that you stay in. You redirect and keep going. The road to success is never an easy one but it is not a race or a comparison game. Do what works best for you.

What would you tell younger students who are exploring health careers?

Explore all options and never stop researching and finding ways to reach your personal goals. Someone is always there to help lead and guide you and if not, you create that path and use that path to help someone else.



OSU CHS/Stillwater
Masters and Public
Health Graduation



American Heart Association
Event with my parents



Volunteering in the community
with LEAD



Becoming a member of the first black sorority for Black
women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority