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Name: Debhorha Guerra
Hometown: Miami, FL
Major: BBA- Human Resource Management
Graduation Date: May 2022
Company: Lee Company
Position: Employee Advocate (HR Generalist)
Start Date: 5/16/2022
End Date: 5/5/2027

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Name: Mariagorathy Okonkwo
Hometown: Anambra, Nigeria
Major: Public Health (MPH)
Graduation Date: December 2022
Company: Tennessee Department of Health
Position: Administrative Services Assistant I
Start Date: 5/16/2022
End Date: 7/18/2022

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Career Spotlight

Name: Cartana Darby
Hometown: Chicago Illinois
Major: Business Administration & Human Resources Management
Graduation Date: May 2022
Company: DHL Supply Chain Logistics
Position: Operations Supervisor

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Name: Davarious Thompson
Hometown: Memphis, TN
Major: Architectural Engineering Resources Management
Graduation Date: May 2022
Company: Turner Construction
Position: Engineering Assistant
Start Date: 6/6/2022

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Name: Rachael Bates
Hometown: Memphis, TN
Major: Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences
Graduation Date: May, 2022
Company: Ascension St. Thomas & Select Specialty Hospital
Position: Registered Respiratory Therapist
Start Date: 5/30/2022
"your strength is always greater than your struggle"
- Rachael Bates
I am very grateful to the SOARS program for affording me this opportunity to present myself as a black woman in STEM.
Name: Jos'ua Hawkins
Hometown: Bartow, Florida
Major: Accounting
Company: Sean Roach & Associates CPA
Position: Accountant Intern
Start Date: 2/21/2022
End Date: 4/29/2022

"The expert at anything was one a beginner"
Name: Jae Walls
Hometown: East Point, Georgia
Major: Biology
Graduation Date: May, 2024
Company: Summer Health Professional Education Program at UAB
Position: Intern
Start Date: 6/8/2021
End Date: 7/16/2021

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Name: Princess Coleman
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Major: Psychology
Graduation Date: May, 2022
Company: By Your Side
Position: Behavior Technician
Start Date: 5/16/2022

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Career Spotlight

Name: Kaycee Gray
Hometown: Melbourne, FL
Major: Special Language Pathology
Graduation Date: May, 2022
Company: Project Play Therapy
Position: CF-Speech Language Pathologist
Start Date: 8/1/2022

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Name: Robbie Willingham
Hometown: Cleveland, OH
Major: Applied and Industrial Technologies
Concentration: Computer Science
Company: Northrop Grumman
Position: Systems Engineer for the Space Defense Systems Department

The Career Development Center is very proud of you Mr. Willingham. We know that you will continue to be successful post-graduation.
Name: Kenneth Rolle, II
Hometown: Orlando, FL
Major: Urban Studies
Concentration: Non-Profit Management
Company: TSU Tigers Women's Basketball
Position: Operations Intern

“Working as the operations intern for Women's Basketball has helped increase my knowledge of the sport and has given me the opportunity to serve my University in another capacity.”

-- Kenneth Rolle, II
Name: Jamey Gaiters  
Hometown: Columbus, OH  
Major: Elementary Education  
Company: Project Destined  
Position: Commercial Real Estate Intern

“I am grateful to have received this amazing opportunity. I am excited to work and learn from a company that values the success of students of color upon graduating.”  
- Jamey Gaiters
I am thankful to be employed with Project Destined because it's giving us the tools we need to bridge the gap. It's leveling the playing field and giving me a seat at the table. As a nontraditional student, the 18 year old me would have never thought this could be possible.”

- Nykole Denise Allen-Clark
Name: Jessmin J. Evans  
Hometown: Rocky Mont, NC  
Major: Business Administration  
Graduation Date: May 2024  
Company: Automated Health Systems  
Position: Customer Service Representative  
Start Date: 10/4/2021

"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength."
- Oprah Winfrey
Internship Spotlight

Derrell Taylor

Name: Derrell Taylor  
Hometown: Memphis, TN  
Major: Business Administration  
Concentration: Management  
Graduation Date: May 2024  
Company: Morgan Stanley  
Position: Wealth Management Financial Advisor  

“I am thankful for the wealth management team at Morgan Stanley for providing the tools and resources necessary to rise to become a stronger competitor in the global market place. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity!”  
- Derrell Taylor
Name: Joshua Buford
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Major: Electrical Engineering
Graduation Date: May 2024
Company: W.E. O'Neil Construction
Position: Project Engineer Intern
Start Date: 5/24/2021
End Date: 7/31/2021

“It was an amazing opportunity to be placed on a jobsite and learn the logistics of construction first hand. It ultimately taught me lessons to apply in the future to my professional and personal life.”

- Joshua Bufords
Name: Breana Jefferson  
Hometown: Madison, Alabama  
Major: Healthcare Administration & Planning  
Concentration: General Business/ Health Information Management  
Graduation Date: May 2024  
Company: University of Florida - SHPEP  
Position: Student Intern  

“This internship experience helped me focus on the integration of minorities interested in the medical field and gaining knowledge on procedure-based simulations.”  
- Breana Jefferson
Internship Spotlight

Nailah Holiday-Lawson

Name: Nailah Holiday Lawson
Hometown: Athens, GA
Major: Political Science
Concentration: Urban Studies
Graduation Date: May 2022
Company: Tennessee General Assembly
Position: Legislative Intern

"This experience has allowed me to gain an insight to know legislation is really decided and put into law. In the short time I have learned so much that I can take through my future career."
-Nailah Holiday-Lawson

Tennessee State University is an AA/EEO employer.
Name: Amari Scales
Hometown: Dayton, OH
Major: Public Health
Graduation Date: May 2023
Company: Amazon
Position: Workplace Health & Safety

“Don’t forget to enjoy the journey while chasing your dreams.”
- Amari Scales
Name: Jeremiah T. Seals
Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN
Major: Art
Company: The Home Depot
Position: Specialist Associate

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Internship Spotlight

Name: David S. Ike-Okoli
Hometown: Anambra, Nigeria
Major: Business Administration
Graduation Date: December, 2023
Company: Echo Global Logistics
Position: Client Sales Intern

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I had a wonderful experience as an Embark Scholar Intern With KPMG. I learnt a lot and enjoyed rotating between tax, audit, advisory, networking with associates, managers, partners and other interns.
Name: Troutman Niger
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Major: Business Information System
Graduation Date: May, 2024
Company: Tennessee Education Lottery
Position: Information Systems Intern

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Internship Spotlight

Name: Jimmie Dodd Jr.
Hometown: Memphis, TN
Major: Computer Science
Graduation Date: December, 2022
Company: Bank of America
Position: Global Technology Analyst

"this summer has been very rewarding. During this internship, I have gained valuable long lasting relationships with my coworkers. This summer has also taught me the importance of hard work and making sure that my work is done to the best of my ability. I am grateful for the opportunity to intern with Bank of America and to work under the Merchant Services team. It has truly allowed me to grow and learn as an individual"
Name: Jahnari Edwards
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Major: Agricultural Sciences
Graduation Date: 
Company: United States Department of Agriculture
Position: Soil Conservationist
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"With my semester's experience at the Tennessee State Museum, I have learned how the museum and office space works. I have put in a lot of hours of research to aid in the process on the Tn4Me website. In my time I enjoyed my time and was able to gain valuable experience. I was able to learn how the tours are run and operated. I also got to tour all the locations that are involved in the exhibits along with the collection storage. Personally, I can say I found what I want to do now for my career".
Name: Jasmine Sears
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Major: History
Graduation Date: May, 2023
Company: The Fort Negley Master Plan and Nashville Sites Civil Rights Driving Tour Lesson Plan
Position: Research Assistant

“This portion [digitizing census records of Bass Street Community] of my internship impacted me the most because it provided me a good representation of the work that I hope to do in the future. Prior to attending Tennessee State University, I was extremely unsure about any future career goals. I am currently pursuing a degree in History with a concentration in teacher licensure, but after this internship I am reconsidering my future goals. I deeply enjoyed the work I did digitizing census records, and I hope to continue something similar in the future.”
Name: Jasmine Sears
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Classification: Senior
Major: History
Graduation Date: May, 2023
Position: Research Assistant
Start & End Date: Summer 2022

This summer I worked alongside Dr. Williams on the app North Nashville is developing with Apple. Throughout the summer I researched and published biographies for the men and women after whom are buildings at Tennessee State University are named after. I also transcribed an interview of Nashville native Frankie Henry where she discusses meeting Diane Nash and the Sit-Ins.
Name: Kerrington Howard
Hometown: Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Classification: Junior
Major: Agricultural Science
Graduation Date: May, 2024
Company: Waste Management
Position: Environmental Protection Intern
Start Date: May, 14th
End Date: Undecided

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Name: John King
Hometown: Harvey, Illinois
Classification: Senior
Major: Healthcare Admin & Planning
(Business)
Graduation Date: December, 2023
Company: ASPHN
Position: Health Equity MCH Intern
Start Date: September, 2022
End Date: December, 2022

This internship provided me with expert knowledge about the Public health field and all the career choices it offers as well as mentorship from professionals currently working in the field I want to work. Attending Boston's APHA convention made me interested in potential schools where I can receive an MPH with a concentration in Biostatistics.
Quote on internship Experience: Being an Health Equity Intern with ASPHN has given me an opportunity to grow my knowledge on public health issues and expand my network with other current & future public health professionals.
This internship so far has been nothing short of amazing! I am glad I can network with like-minded individuals about things we are passionate about. This experience is something not everyone can do, and I am glad I was able to. This experience is hopefully the first of many!
Name: Ikechukwu Umoga
Hometown: Abuja, Nigeria
Classification: Graduate School
Major: MS. Compute Science
Graduation Date: December, 2022
Company: Philips Healthcare
Position: Project Manager Intern
Start Date: November, 2021
End Date: November, 2022

"Working in a Global Healthcare Technology Organization taught me the importance of diversity. I had the incredible opportunity to learn from great minds from diverse background that shifted my mindset and passion to working to improve lives. Philips is by far a choice place of work. This quote still holds true in my mind: "'Knowledge does not come to you...You have to do the work of seeking it' "