

My'Chelle Latta

2012 Scholarship Recipient

"I know this is really cliché, but I think you should never give up on your dreams. It may not come when you want it, but if you stay motivated, you can achieve it."



My'Chelle Latta (2012 Scholar) at Hampton University's 2016 graduation ceremony.

My'Chelle Latta's journey as an aspiring medical professional began long before she enrolled at the Washington Mathematics Science Technology PCHS or Hampton University. Accompanying her great-grandmother to doctor's appointments from a young age was where she first observed the delicate interactions of a patient—physician relationship. From that moment on, she was motivated to carve out a path that would lead her towards the field of medicine as a career in the future.

While in college, she also became active in public service. In addition to participating in Hampton University's Bio Club workshops, engaging in service projects as a member of the Beta-Kappa Chi Sorority and the Golden Key Society, My'Chelle mentored young women under SisterMentors—a project designed for women to pass on leadership skills and promote academic excellence.

During her junior year, My'Chelle was accepted to the Economic Club/Urban Alliance Summer Internship program where she was placed with Susan G. Komen, an organization that addresses breast cancer on fronts of research, community health, global outreach and public policy. Susan G. Komen strives to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in their communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. As an intern, she attended congressional meetings on legislation addressing the disproportionate rate of breast cancer amongst African American women and the lack of treatment or preventative care such as mammograms. She was also able to attend the 2015 NMQF Leadership Summit on Health Disparities. Though she was initially intimidated by her proximity to top Washington officials—and often without the presence of her mentors and fellow associates—she found her work at Susan G. Komen to be a great experience, where she “learned a lot about the public side of healthcare.”

My'Chelle believes that the Economic Club has been influential in providing her with the space and opportunities to develop her talents and passions. This scholarship transformed her from “that little girl in south D.C. who wanted to go to college,” to a graduate preparing to take her MCAT. Now an alum of the scholarship program, and graduate from Hampton University, My'Chelle is actively engaged in various medical training programs. She has volunteered in the patient support devices division at Inova Health systems, assisted the emergency medical personnel of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, and interned at the University of Nebraska Medical Center alongside researchers investigating mechanisms to induce apoptosis in prostate cancer cells. My'Chelle is adamant in crediting her internship with Susan G. Komen for shaping her continued interest in oncological research. My'Chelle's focus on a career as a care provider led her to gain more experience in clinical settings by working as a medical assistant at Ideal Option Addiction Medicine Program.

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In August 2018, she returned to Hampton University to earn a master's degree in medical science, moving closer to her goal of enrolling in medical school and ultimately becoming a practicing physician.

My'Chelle wants to provide youth that share her background and experiences with the inspiration to dedicate themselves to their passions, and to never give up on their dreams. Her staunch belief in the Economic Club Scholarship program has also inspired her to give back as an Alumni Mentor in the Scholars to Leaders Mentoring Program, and to consider becoming a motivational speaker in the future.