



Amber Dickens

2015 Scholarship Recipient



Amber Dickens is a 2015 graduate from Friendship Collegiate Academy. She then continued her education at the University of North Carolina Greensboro where she majored in business administration. Amber participated in the 2019 cohort of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. /Urban Alliance Internship program.

When she applied for the summer internship, Amber thought she would only receive work experience, but the internship process – which included both intensive training modules with her cohort and on-the-job activities - surprised her with the rich content. Amber served as an intern at United Bank in the summer of 2019 and was then hired that October as an Assistant Manager-Retail Banker.

Throughout the internship program, Amber appreciated all of the support, but two training events in particular stood out to her: the financial workshop and corporate dinner. Today, Amber still uses the budgeting tips she learned from the workshop along with the dinner etiquette tips.

“I remember attending the corporate dinner; everything was so nice and informative. It was the perfect timing for me because my job took me out for dinner the following week. If I had not attended the corporate dinner workshop offered by The Economic Club of Washington D.C. I would have been nervous and unprepared when I went out with my internship site.”

When asked how the club helped her reach this point in her professional life, Amber said the Economic Club of Washington, D.C. members gave her access to people in her field, networking tips, and supported her as she matriculated through school. Amber’s advice to current scholars would be “Continue with your education; be willing to put yourself out there. Never stop, everything will work out”.