



Alexis White

2013 Scholarship Recipient



Alexis White, a 2013 Economic Club Scholar from Booker T. Washington High School, earned a Bachelor's degree in English from University of Maryland College Park in 2017. Growing up in southeast DC, Alexis knew the only way to succeed would be through education. She set her sights on success, and navigated through college as a first generation student. Determined to assist others in comparable circumstances, she now enjoys helping African Americans from similar backgrounds define what success looks like to them. Alexis also keeps busy in her spare time with creating business

opportunities for herself utilizing her English background for editing purposes and by developing an interest in real estate.

As an Economic Club Scholar, Alexis participated in the 2015 cohort of the Economic Club/Urban Alliance Summer Internship Program working with Accenture Federal Services. Although she was an English major and aspiring attorney, Alexis did not know that this internship experience would change her career trajectory. Her mentor, Marty Rodgers, Market Unit Lead - South & Metro Washington DC Office Managing Director for Accenture pushed her outside of her comfort zone. When asked about her experience during the internship experience, she recalled:

"I was not very outspoken back then, but Marty took me to all of his major events and challenged me to retrieve a minimum of 5 business cards from Economic Club members per event. I could not just introduce myself and ask for a card, it had to be an authentic conversation. Looking back, he set the foundation of my network, he instilled in me that it's not just about what you know, but also who you know."

After completing the internship program, Alexis interviewed many times before securing a full-time job with Accenture. Throughout the process, Alexis continued to seek advice from her mentor. He was always encouraging her and played a pivotal role in career exposure. With the help of Marty and other leaders, Alexis was invited to join Accenture's Emerging Leaders Conference & Interview Day where she was then extended a full time offer following her college graduation.

Alexis is currently the Senior Analyst in Accenture's Tech and Consulting practice. In addition to her full time position, Alexis does pro-bono work through Accenture's Skills2Succeed Summer Internship Program, which exposes high school and college students to a variety of office skills including networking and social presence. This summer, she was directly responsible for inviting 17 students to participate in Accenture's internship program, 12 of whom are students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition, seven of these interns come directly from Economic Club scholars- Alexis previous experience with the program allowed her to support the Club's Education Initiatives with onboarding current Economic Club Interns to help form the 2021 Summer Internship Cohort.

Alexis advice for scholars: Through struggle builds character - you have two choices, wallow in your pity or look for advantages. What is the big picture? Please look forward to what your life could be, not where it currently is. Remember there is always someone who has it worse than you do.