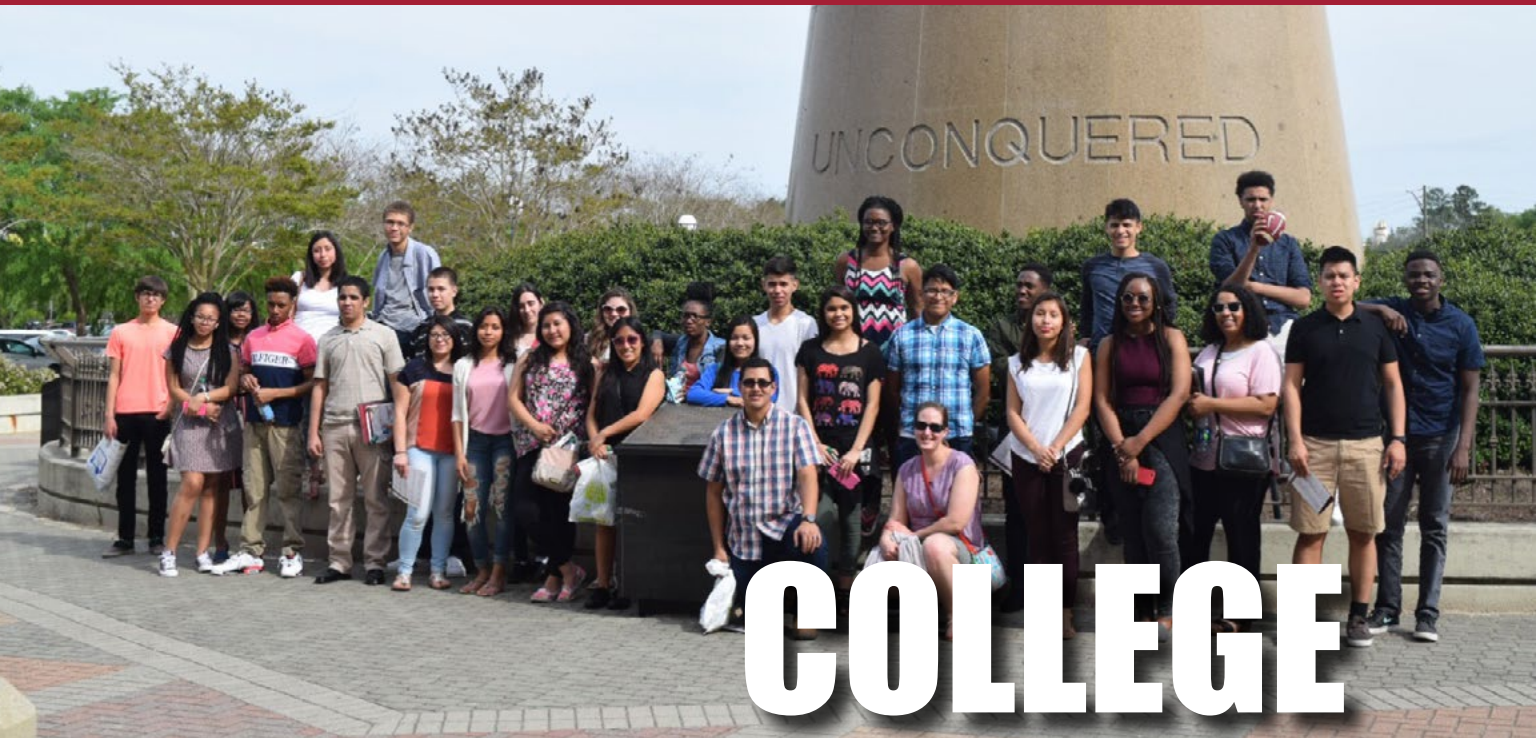


Outreach

Community Ministries

Restoring Hope, Providing Opportunities

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COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM • 2016

ABOUT

FROM THE CEO

We are experiencing banner days in our College Opportunity Program. A record-setting class of nine seniors has successfully completed our SALT program and are all enrolling in college this fall. We also celebrated five college graduations, bringing our total to 21 college graduates in the life of COP! And as you will see, most of our current students and alumni are active in their church and communities.

At Outreach Community Ministries, we believe all people, especially young people, should have the opportunity to become all that God intends them to be. Our calling has always been to come alongside our neighbors in DuPage County who are vulnerable—that they would hear this from the Lord: “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11

So this is the mission we have chosen for the College Opportunity Program: To remove barriers, restore hope and provide the opportunity for young people to achieve their college and career goals. Today our graduates are teachers, engineers, career counselors and business leaders. Several have gone on to graduate school. We are proud of their individual achievements and delighted to be part of what God is doing in their lives.

And those achievements wouldn’t happen without you. On behalf of each student whose future is brighter as a result of your involvement, thank you for your partnership with Outreach.

Sincerely yours,



Chris Ellerman
Chief Executive Officer



COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The College Opportunity Program (COP) removes barriers that prevent promising students with challenging family or financial circumstances from seeking higher education. COP is a holistic college and career assistance program consisting of college preparation for high school students and a college or vocational school scholarship program.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM (SALT) HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

SALT serves high school students interested in pursuing higher education or vocational training. Students must be motivated to attain high levels of academic achievement, employment and developing life skills. Students meet with program staff during the week for academic tutoring, skill development and activities. Open gym nights and

Bible study groups are optional. College visits, field trips and career nights are offered.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The College Scholarship Program provides a merit-based college or vocational school scholarship to SALT graduates needing financial assistance, along with support services that include a college counselor/mentor and on-campus services as needed.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Fund a future by investing in the College Opportunity Program. Your gift will help underwrite access to higher education for youth at risk. Full-year scholarships for SALT are \$2,500 per student. For the College Scholarship Program, a full-year scholarship is \$5,000 per student. Visit outreachcommunityministries.org/give or contact Bonnie Malcolm Chrisman at 630.682.1910 to support this transformative program.

2015-2016 OUTCOMES

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

- **29** total students in the program
- **83%** earned a “C” average or better through April 2016
- **87%** of students improved academically throughout the school year
- **9** seniors graduated, a record number
- **100%** of high school seniors submitted college applications
- **100%** of graduating high school seniors were accepted to at least one college
- **100%** of graduating high school seniors are enrolling in college in the fall of 2016

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **18** students were enrolled in college; an additional 3 continued to work with COP staff to prepare for college or vocational training
- **94%** achieved a GPA of “C” or better in their first semester
- **59%** are involved in extracurricular or leadership activities on campus and 82% are employed

POST-GRADUATE OUTCOMES

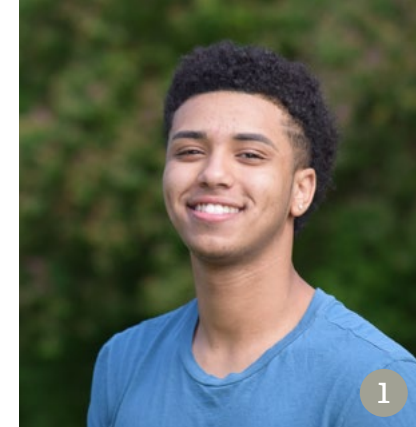
- **21** total college graduates
- **20** are currently employed and one is a full-time stay-at-home parent
- **6** have completed or are attending graduate school
- **43%** attend church and are active in their faith
- **38%** volunteer in their church and/or community

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INCOMING FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2020

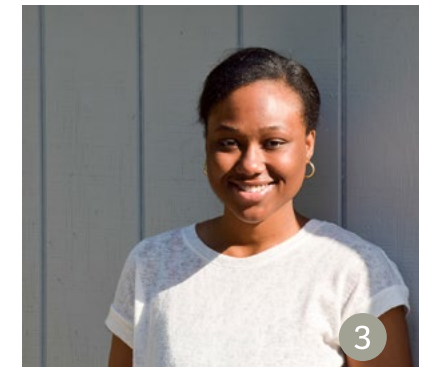
1. Anthony Ahmed graduated from Glenbard East High School in May 2016. Anthony began attending Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream (OCC) as a freshman in high school and is an active participant in the weekly SALT Bible study. Anthony played for Glenbard East’s basketball team and was recognized as an All-Tournament player. Anthony plans to study accounting and has been accepted to Mississippi State University and Aurora University.



2. Mohamed Dafelseed graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Mohamed began attending OCC as an 8th grader. Mohamed was on Wheaton North’s track and cross country teams, and plays on a church basketball team. This school year, Mohamed was recognized at Wheaton North’s Breakfast of Champions for significantly improving his grades from the previous year. Mohamed plans to attend University of Toledo this fall to study business and marketing.



3. Morenike Fatuga graduated from Glenbard South High School in May 2016. Morenike began attending OCC in elementary school and is an active participant in SALT’s Bible study, which meets weekly after group. Morenike attends church at Jubilee Family Christian Center and participates in their youth group. She enjoys acting and is a member of ACT-SO, NAACP’s year-long achievement program designed to encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. In previous years, Morenike also participated in basketball and track and field. She made the honor roll her freshman and sophomore years and won an academic award her junior year. Morenike received a \$2,500 scholarship from a local family and will attend Jacksonville University this fall to study broadcast journalism.





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4. Mohamed Gborie graduated from Glenbard West High School in May 2016. Mohamed began attending OCC in 8th grade, but started SALT as a sophomore. Mohamed was the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship through the Petit family foundation Parents and Teens Together, which was awarded to one senior in OCC's SALT program. In high school, he was a varsity football player, made it to State for track and was involved in the Black Students of Glenbard West, Target Success (a Big Brother/Big Sister program) and Habitat for Humanity. Mohamed plans to attend DePauw University in the fall where he will join the men's track team and study economics. His career goal is to acquire a job with the United Nations and help families start a new life in America.



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5. Alex Gonzalez graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Alex began attending OCC as a sophomore in high school and is an active participant in SALT's weekly Bible study. He works about 20 hours a week at TEAM, which hired him during the school year after his good evaluations as part of the OCC Summer Youth Employment Program. Alex plans to attend the College of DuPage, with hopes of participating in the school's 3+1 partnership with Lewis University, where he will major in criminal justice. Upon graduation, Alex plans to join the police force and eventually work for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.



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6. Briajah Moore graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Briajah started participating with OCC in elementary school. Briajah came to faith at OCC as an eighth grader and is a member of the youth group at Wheaton Christian Center. She is an active participant in SALT's weekly Bible study. Briajah was the recipient of a \$500 college scholarship through Wheaton North High School. At Wheaton North, she was the captain of the steppers team, a school ambassador and a member of student council. Briajah also helps tutor her fellow classmates in SALT. Briajah will attend Ball State University in the fall to study social work.

7. Maria Ni Pang Par graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Maria began attending OCC as a senior. In high school, Maria was a member of the National Art Honor Society and a Wheaton North Falcon Ambassador, who are students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher, are teacher-nominated, friendly, outgoing and responsible. Maria attends United Chin Christian Church and dedicates her time there as a Sunday school teacher and as a youth leader. She has been accepted to Trinity University and North Park University, and plans to study social work and Christian youth leadership.



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8. Adolfo Randa graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Adolfo began attending OCC as a sophomore in high school and is an active participant in the weekly SALT Bible study. In high school, Adolfo was on the honor roll for the Technology Center of DuPage and participated in OLAS, a student club that promotes cross-cultural communication, education and celebration of Latino culture. Adolfo plans to attend the College of DuPage for his general education classes, then transfer to Western Illinois University where he will study criminal justice. His career goal is to start off as a police officer and eventually become a detective.



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9. Theresa Sung graduated from Wheaton North High School in May 2016. Theresa began attending OCC as a senior. In high school, Theresa participated in Key Club, National Art Honor Society and badminton. She attends United Chin Christian Church where she is a praise and worship back-up singer. Theresa has been accepted to Loyola University and Western Illinois University and plans to pursue a business major. After college, she hopes to open her own retail store.



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CURRENTLY ENROLLED

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1. Yazmin Alpizar plans to continue her education at College of DuPage, where she is looking into health certificate programs. She is employed at a local nursing home working with older adults.



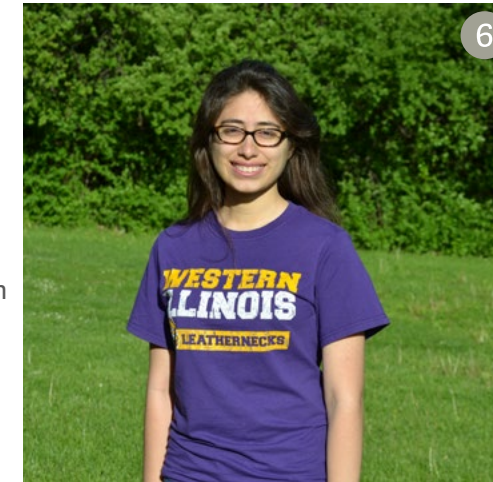
2. Alberto Ayala will graduate in December 2016 from University of Illinois. He is majoring in computer engineering and is involved with Phi Beta Lamda, a business club. He also works as an elementary tutor. Upon graduating, Alberto hopes to work in the field of mobile technology at Samsung or in-phone chip manufacturing. He plans to pursue an MBA in the future.

3. Jessica Beamon is a senior at Hamline University. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in chemistry/pre-pharmacy and is applying to pharmacy schools. She plays for the varsity women's basketball team and is a member of the chemistry club. She works on campus as a resident assistant, leading 55 undergraduate students in dorm life. She also works one day a week at the chemistry lab on campus. For summer 2016, Jessica is interning close to her home in Glendale Heights, Ill., where she is being mentored by a retail pharmacist. Jessica studied abroad in May 2016 and traveled to Rwanda and Amsterdam, studying genocide.



4. Jason Chunn opted not to enroll this year and is living and working in Atlanta Georgia at present.

5. Anitra Davis is continuing her education at College of DuPage this year and plans to pursue a degree in social work. She plans to transfer back to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the future. She is currently employed at Home Depot.



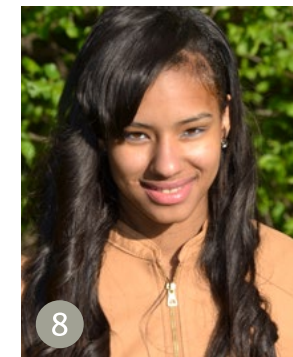
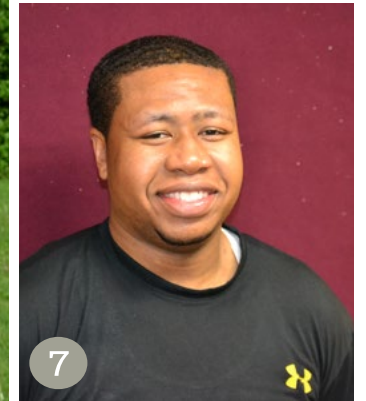
6. Tannia Escobar is continuing her education at Western Illinois University, where she is a senior pursuing a double major in education and chemistry. Tannia has been an active member of WIU's Latina's in Progression Towards Success, Chemistry Club and the Latin American Student Organization.

7. Zack Gentle will graduate in December 2016 from Aurora University with a degree in criminal justice. He serves as a member of the Army Reserves and is employed at Jewel-Osco. He volunteers with the local sheriff's department and is applying to several local police departments.

8. Emari Jones attended Shawnee Community College her freshman year, where she was ranked the #3 player in the nation for community college women's basketball this past season. In the spring of 2016, Emari committed to Auburn University in Alabama, where she will be a sophomore and play for their Division I women's basketball team.

9. Kenise Lawrence is not currently enrolled in college but hopes to return in the near future. She works at a local daycare.

10. Aldo Nolasco is continuing his education at College of DuPage, where he is applying to the 2017 nursing program. Aldo's career goal is to become an ER nurse. Aldo is enrolled in a Certified Nurse's Assistant course, getting him one step closer to becoming a nurse. Aldo is employed by Chipotle.



COLLEGE GRADUATES

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11. Anaiyeh Smith is transferring to Alabama State University, where she will be much closer to her family, whom recently located to Alabama. She will continue working toward her major in broadcast journalism.



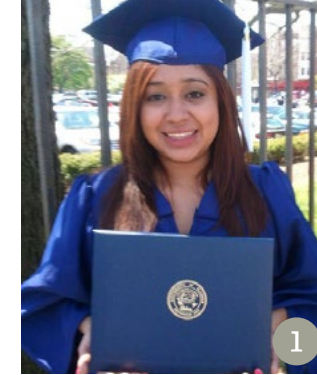
12. Phill Tafere is continuing his education at College of DuPage, where he hopes to acquire a certificate as a surgical central processing technician. Phill enjoys writing and recording his own music and is employed at McDonald's.



13. Luis Valle is a sophomore at College of DuPage, pursuing an associate's degree in photography. He is currently employed at Caputo's.



14. Brenen Wilson is a sophomore at Indiana State University, where he is pursuing a degree in psychology.



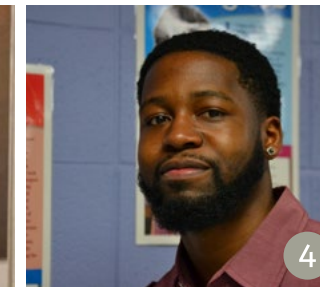
1. Carla Ayala graduated from the University of Illinois in May 2011 with a degree in sociology. She currently works as a mental health counselor at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, Children Pavilion. She was recently selected as the team leader for the children's unit, ages 5-12. Carla regularly volunteers with PAWS animal shelter.



2. Delissa Carter completed two years in the Culinary School at the College of DuPage in the spring of 2013, where she majored in baking and pastry. She works full-time at Cookies by Design and has her own cake decorating business called Delicious Treats by D. She hopes to one day own her own bakery.



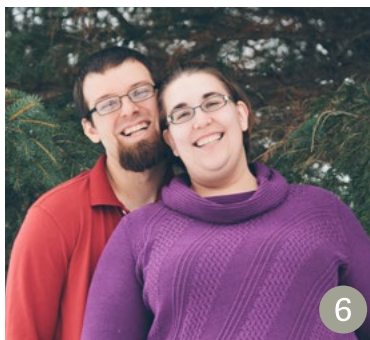
3. Guadalupe Cortes graduated in 2010 from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in architectural engineering. She is now a mechanical engineer at Affiliated Engineers in Madison, Wisconsin.



4. Thomas Crockett graduated in May 2012 with a degree in communications from Miles College. After graduation, Thomas was employed at MagnetStreet in Carol Stream, Ill., where he worked for four years. He and his wife recently relocated to Georgia, where he plans to work for Pepsi.



5. Murisa Dogic earned a Bachelor of Arts in public relations and communications from Illinois State University in 2009. Murisa continues her employment with Ulta in Bloomingdale as the store manager and has also earned her personal trainer certification. In December 2013, she married Dzevdet Mustafa.



6. Samantha Gabhart graduated from Judson University in 2006 with a degree in music education. In the same year, she married James, who she met at Judson. They now have three children, and Samantha stays home as a full-time parent. The Gabharts are active in their local church in Elgin. They plan to move to Spokane, Washington in late 2016, where Sam and James will begin missionary training school with Moody Aviation.

7. Auvriel Greenlea graduated with honors from Northern Illinois University in 2012 where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English. Auvriel is now a buyer for Anxiter, a telecommunications and distribution company. Auvriel is in graduate school and is pursuing an MBA with a concentration in human resources from Robert Morris College. She lives in Chicago and is active with New Life Christian Church in southeast Chicago.



8. Amy Halder graduated Cum Laude from the Honors College of University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience. For her capstone, she worked on a project with the UIC School of Public Health entitled "Prenatal Care and Pregnancy Outcome: a data analysis of mothers and newborns in Bangladesh." She received the Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award, continued her role as co-president for the pre-medicine group, and volunteered at Community Health (a free clinic where she acted as a nurse before patients saw their physicians, taking vitals and assessing interpreter needs). Amy recently accepted a job at the University of Chicago where she works as a research assistant with the Pancreatic Cancer Initiative. She plans to continue gaining patient care experience and to eventually enroll in medical school.



9. Melissa (Harper) Obichukwu graduated from Eastern Illinois University in December of 2011 with a degree in education. She teaches family and consumer

sciences at Glenbard East and Glenbard South High Schools and is the advisor for the Family and Consumer Science club. In 2014, she completed her Masters of Education and was married. She and her husband live in Bartlett and attend Schaumburg Community Church, where Melissa leads the teen church. She and her husband also operate a business teaching cooking classes.

10. Monique Johnson graduated from Howard University in May 2014 with a degree in psychology. She completed her Masters of Arts in clinical mental health counseling at Wheaton College in May 2016. She completed a one-year internship at Outreach Community Counseling Center in Carol Stream and is now a therapist at Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center.



11. Chay Latimer graduated from Pivot Point Academy, a cosmetology school. In fall of 2015 she continued her studies in business at Chicago State University. She is employed at PACE.



12. Destiny Lee graduated from Eastern Illinois University in May of 2013 with a Bachelors of Science in health studies. In 2014, Destiny implemented the "Create Your Own Destiny" scholarship award to an incoming college student in the College Opportunity Program at Outreach. In the same year, Destiny won the title of Miss Black Illinois 2015, along with a scholarship to pursue graduate studies. She actively serves the community through public service and volunteers as a tutor for SALT. Destiny recently began a new career as a learning and development coordinator for Bridgestone Americas, Inc. and plans to pursue a master's in communication this fall.



13. Phillip McClure graduated from Duke University this year with a major in English, a minor in economics and a certificate in journalism. Last summer, he interned in the marketing department at Microsoft headquarters in Seattle, where he is now employed. Phil's active campus life included acting, directing and serving as Duke's athletic mascot.





14. Terry Moore graduated from Eastern Illinois University this year where he majored in organizational and professional development with a concentration in supervision and leadership and an emphasis in safety and security. He will return to Eastern this fall to pursue his master's in college student affairs while working in the position of associate resident director. Terry has attended the men's group at Community Fellowship Church.



15. Hannah Oresteen graduated from Gordon College with honors in May 2013 with a double major in social work and sociology. Hannah currently works as an in-home family therapist in Salem, Massachusetts, and hopes to enroll in graduate school to pursue a Masters of Social Work to work with immigrant and refugee populations. Hannah was married in September 2014 to Chris, an event administrator at Harvard College, and they make their home near Boston.

16. Jessie (Rowlett) Ray graduated in May 2013 from Wheaton College with a degree in elementary education. She completed student teaching at a school on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico and is now employed as a teacher. Jesse married John in June 2016.

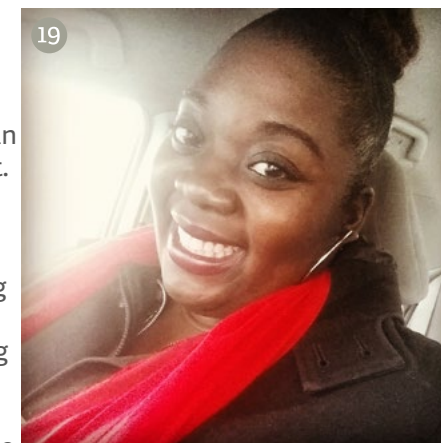


17. Edward Silva graduated in December 2014 from Northern Illinois University with a degree in English. He works for Owens & Minor, where he started as a purchasing assistant and was recently promoted to purchasing specialist.



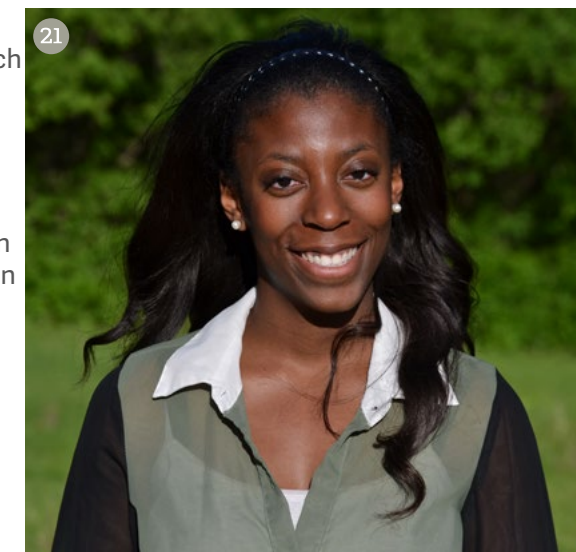
18. Denisha Smith graduated in 2009 from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in communications. In 2012 she earned her Master of Education Administration from American Intercontinental University. Denisha is employed as the assistant director of admissions at Roosevelt University, lives in Streamwood and is active in her church. Denisha is mom to twins: a boy and a girl.

19. Shemeka Smith graduated from Illinois State University in 2008 with a BS in communications. She is employed as a mortgage servicing specialist at HSBC. Shemeka started graduate school, pursuing an MA in organizational behavioral management. Shemeka is active in her local church.



20. Yadira Valerio recently graduated from Aurora University where she was busy serving as a Spartan Ambassador (representing the campus to prospective students) and working three jobs (in the offices of admissions, catering and student activities). She attends Calvary Church in Naperville. This summer she is a camp counselor at Lake Geneva Youth Camp in Wisconsin, where she attended as a child with other students from Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream.

21. Tonika White graduated in 2014 with a BA in business from Aurora University and will graduate with her MBA in December 2016 and with a focus in leadership. Tonika is employed at AT&T where she manages a business solutions call center in Arlington Heights. She is a member of Calvary Church in Naperville, lives in Palatine and is an active member of Chi Omega Omega's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. graduate chapter.



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