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3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy student

UAMS College of Pharmacy

President of the UAMS Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) chapter.

**UAMS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program participant**

Bridging the Gap in 2012 and 2013

Pharmacy camp in 2015

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) in 2017 and 2018.

**Future Career Plans**

After graduation in 2024, I plan to pursue a PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency in Ambulatory Care and become a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCAP) and Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE). In 5 years, I see myself in a clinic managing disease states such as diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia. I plan to work under a collaborative practice agreement with physicians to manage drug therapies for patients and focus on transitions of care. In 10 years, I see myself being a SNPhA chapter advisor, a preceptor for students, and instructor for pharmacy schools.

**Grateful for Community Support**

I received a \$2500 scholarship from the Little Rock Chapter of The Links, Inc. in 2016 as a senior at Little Rock Central High School. I received numerous other scholarships including the Union

Pacific Railroad Black Employee Network, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc Sigma Zeta Chapter, and West Little Rock Rotary Club scholarships. I am immensely grateful for the generous scholarship from The Links. The scholarship helped cover part of my tuition and fees for my first year of school and propelled me to become a debt-free, 4.0, honor graduate from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 2019. I grew up serving and giving back to my community, but receiving scholarships, such as this, has inspired me to start my own scholarship fund for African American students wanting to pursue pharmacy. Thank you SO much Little Rock Chapter of The Links, Inc. for investing in my future!