

## Cornerstone Student Pursues Future Career In Medical Field

Armani Sanford: Class of 2018



Armani Sanford holds a shy and quiet smile until she starts talking about her family or her experience as an intern at Beaumont. Her eyes light up as she recalls starting at Cornerstone Leadership & Business High School in tenth grade. "It was hard for me at first, to be honest. I came from public school where I didn't have to work that hard and nobody really cared. But when I came to Cornerstone, it was different. I wanted to do better. I pushed myself to get A's."

At Cornerstone, Armani was exposed to several internship and industry options. She originally had aspirations to pursue computer science and create an app that would be used around the world, but then her grandfather was diagnosed with fibromyalgia. "They don't have a cure for that," she says, "and watching him struggle really moved me. I don't like to see him in pain, which is why I decided to become a doctor so one day I could discover a cure."

After being accepted as a Beaumont intern, she was interacting with visitors and patients as they checked in or transferred to other areas in the hospital. She has made connections with the Beaumont staff and is no longer shy. "Working with patients and visitors at Beaumont also helped me to learn better communication skills, some medical terms, different religions, and even about the business side of the hospital."

"Cornerstone helps prepare students for life through the Career Pathways program. They taught us everything we need to know to be successful in the workplace; including how to shake hands and present ourselves. Career Pathways gave us early exposure to being in a real workplace environment. I wouldn't have the confidence for my internship and I wouldn't have been able to further my experience at Beaumont."

Armani is attending the University of Michigan, Dearborn as a biochemistry major and she plans to continue her internship at Beaumont. "I know I will be in college for approximately 10 years, but I am happy that I already have connections in the medical field." Cornerstone helped Armani to create a plan for her future in the right industry. Because of her experience with Beaumont, she is excited to learn as much as she can with the goal of finding remedies for diseases that don't have a cure.

"I'm glad that I switched schools or I wouldn't be where I am today. Without Cornerstone, I would not have had the opportunity to do this kind of internship and now I get to use that experience to create my future."