

STEM SPOTLIGHT

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Q How did you select your college major?

A I selected Computer Engineering Technology because I have always had an interest in working with computers and learning about the latest technology.

Q What was the biggest influence in your selection of major/ career?

A Though I currently work for the Save-a-Lot brand, I am taking what I have learned and I am now applying that to entrepreneurial endeavors. I am starting my own grocery store chain. The biggest influence for this decision is my inner drive to be in a position to empower people, employ the underserved, and influence change. I also had a person like Ms. Regina Hairston whom I met while at the University of Memphis who has been a positive driving force for students in the STEM program, such as myself, to be great.

Q If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?

A Honestly, there aren't any classes that I feel would have better prepared me for college. However, as it relates to my personal and professional growth and development I would have loved to have taken more psychology courses that teach how to deal with people and matters of the mind.

Q What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A My favorite aspect of my job is being able to direct and lead a team to reach goals set forth each day.

Q How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

A I feel as though I personally make an impact on society and my community by giving back and starting a business that will create job opportunities and provide a full service grocery store in what is deemed as a "food desert" by the federal government.

Q What is the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your career?

A The most interesting thing I have been able to do in my professional career is work as the lead manager on a team that started a store in the Memphis market in October 2013. I was in charge of seeing the project from start to finish. I had to oversee all aspects of the project from equipment installation to ordering for the grand opening.

Q What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?

A I get up excited every morning about my profession knowing that I have a chance to change someone's life by providing gold standard customer service and quality products that help feed hundreds of families every day.



Q What advice would you like to share with K-12 students who are considering your profession?

A When it comes to the grocery industry I would encourage students to look beyond the scope of being an associate at any corporation. I would encourage young people to be their very best at whatever they do and always look for the next big opportunity and seize the moment!

