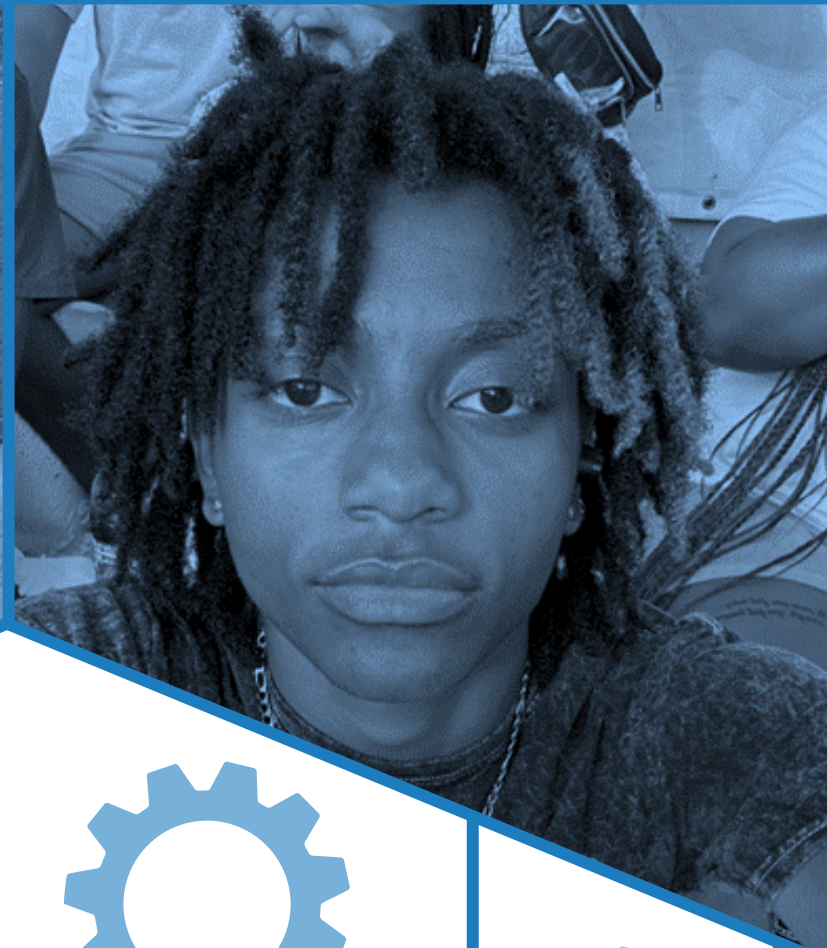


STEM AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT



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How did you select your college major? What was the biggest influence?

I chose Engineering Technology because of the impact I could have in the engineering field; my major gives me access to a little bit of all engineering allowing me to better current projects. It lets me learn about circuits but also manufacturing the hands-on learning was my biggest influence because I learn best by doing and with each tech class, I get the chance to do what I'm learning in a lab class. I'm also ready to pass that down to others because I thought to be an engineer you need to be great at math, but you just need to have that determination.

What advice would you share with K-12 students who are considering your major?

The advice I would give students is that you don't need to be the smartest to be an engineer, but you do have to want to be one, and if you want to be one, you'll have that drive to become one. Also don't follow the percent or representation of the people who are in your field if you want to be in STEM work-hard become that representation.

What high school elective course do you wish you had taken to better prepare you for college?

I wish I took programming, construction, and Spanish.

When you aren't in class or studying, what can you be found doing in your spare time?

In my free time I like to read and workout at the campus gym. I also like to run and meditate.

What motivates you to get out of bed and go to class every day?

What motivates me to get out of bed every day is the idea of having the lifestyle I want and that this just the process to get there.

How do you or your major make a positive impact on society/our community?

My major and the focus I want to pursue is construction and I would like that to be used to be housing for a non-profit at some point. Construction can be used in many different ways to advances structures and build up communities and that's what I'm working towards.

What do you look forward to the most while being a STEM Ambassador?

As a STEM Ambassador, I want influence younger students to be anything they want to be and be the representation that I didn't have.

