

Stockton Student Brielle Graham Aced Her Way to a Two-Year Job Opportunity

Pre-Engineering Major is Guaranteed a Position with the Department of Defense at the Space Command Center in Los Angeles

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Galloway Township, NJ- The challenges of paying off tuition bills and searching for a job just got a little easier for Brielle Faye-Lyn Graham, a student at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The Department of Defense recently awarded Graham a full scholarship to help her earn a second bachelor's degree from Rutgers University. The scholarship includes full tuition, a book allowance, a paid summer internship with housing and travel allowances, and a reasonable expense allowance.

Brielle Graham is in the engineering dual degree program between Stockton College and Rutgers University. In December, Graham will graduate from Stockton with a bachelor's degree in physics, and then she will go on to obtain an electrical engineering degree from Rutgers. For each year that she receives scholarship money from the Department of Defense, she will be required to work for the Department of Defense. Graham expects to graduate from Rutgers with her second degree in two years. She will then work at the Space Command Center in Los Angeles, California for two years.

Graham grew up wanting to pursue a career as a lawyer and then later as a writer, but one of her high school teachers spun her 180 degrees in the opposite direction. After Graham's teacher discovered her talent for solving math and science problems, Graham began reading current science and math issues and instantly fell in love with the field.

Graham said, "I was watching the Discovery Channel one night and a woman was speaking about her career as an engineer and how her hard work had paid off in the long run. I was inspired and decided to enter the field of electrical engineering."

Graham also said that she is very excited and grateful for her scholarship opportunity. Just two years ago, Graham completed an internship sponsored by Intel Corporation at Cornell University, and in just a few more years, she will be working on the other side of the country. Brielle Graham is a dual citizen of Jamaica and the United States and she currently resides in Pomona, New Jersey. ###