

Cabbage Patch Scholar Bios

2017 Edition

Daron

School Attending: **University of Kentucky**
Current Major: **Studio Art & Art Education**
Career Goal: **High School Art Teacher**
Current Status: **Full Time Senior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.4**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2017**



Daron has maintained a 3.4 GPA through his junior year and was on the Dean's List. He has become active on campus through the Black Student Union, intramural sports, mentoring others in the First Generation Initiatives Program, the Art Education Students Chapter, and the Christian Student Fellowship. He hopes to double major in Art History and Art Education, then earn his master's degree in Teaching for high school art.

TyJuan

School Attending: **UK**
Current Major: **Accounting**
Career Goal: **Accountant**
Current Status: **Full Time Senior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.1**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2017**

TyJuan has worked hard to achieve his dream of going to college. He achieved a 3.1 GPA going into his senior year; despite struggling with some classes, he persevered and earned entry into his upper division accounting courses. He has become active in the Black Student Union, intramural sports, and the K-Crew. He is working toward his bachelor's degree in Accounting. After spending a summer working for The Cabbage Patch, TyJuan thinks he might like to give back by working as a CFO for a non-profit.

SENIORS

Evan

School Attending: **UK**
Current Major: **International Studies**
Career Goal: **Interpreter**
Current Status: **Full Time Senior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.5**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2017**

Evan is a long time Cabbage Patch participant with big dreams. He hopes to earn his bachelor's degree in International Relations and would like to one day work for the UN as an interpreter. He has maintained a 3.5 GPA, and has been on the Dean's List for three semesters. Evan also serves as a peer mentor for the Global Village Program, helps with recruitment videos for UK, and is a Wildcat and Arts and Science Ambassador.

Sharon

School Attending: **U of L**
Current Major: **Biology**
Career Goal: **Medical Laboratory Technician**
Current Status: **Full Time Senior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.5**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2017**

Sharon spent two years at Bellarmine and completed her clinical experience through JCTC last year, earning an associate degree in Medical Laboratory Science. Last semester she transitioned to U of L to complete a bachelor's degree in Biology, and hopes to transition into a master's degree program in Laboratory Medicine. She also recently earned her certification to work as a lifeguard and as an EMT.

Mary

School Attending: **IU Southeast**
Current Major: **Nursing**
Career Goal: **RN**
Current Status: **Full Time Senior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.3**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2016**

Mary finished her LPN at JCTC with a 3.3 GPA, and has transitioned into a RN program this year through IUS. Despite working full time and being a single mother, Mary is determined to finish her degree and contribute to a better life for herself and her son. She anticipates graduating in December 2016 with her RN.

JUNIORS

Dominique

School Attending: **UK**
Current Major: **Business Management**
Career Goal: **Real Estate Development**
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.1**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Dominique is a junior at UK, receiving substantial scholarships for his excellent GPA and ACT scores. Dominique works as a tutor for other students, and is maintaining a 3.1 GPA. After a business class, he became intrigued by real estate and declared his major last semester. He stays active by being involved in intramural flag football and basketball.

Julie

School Attending: **Galen College**
Current Major: **RN**
Career Goal: **Registered Nurse**
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
Current Academic Performance: **3.0**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2017**

Julie is a former Patch staff member and has just completed her LPN degree at Galen College of Nursing. Julie maintained a GPA of 3.0 during her nursing program. She wishes to maintain or improve this record in RN degree courses, which she began in October. She anticipates receiving her RN in December of 2017.



Ryan

School Attending: **BCTC**
Current Major: **Agricultural Science**
Career Goal: **Fish and Wildlife Officer**
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
Current Academic Performance: **2.5**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Ryan is working to complete his associate degree in Agriculture Science, and complete the transfer program in order to attend UK. The Patch's field trips helped to develop his love of the outdoors. He hopes to earn his B.S. in Agriculture, and one day work as a fish & wildlife officer, sharing his passion with other inner-city youth.

Dajuan

School Attending: **U of L**
 Major: **Communications**
 Career Goal: **Film Editor/Producer**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.8**
 Expected Graduation: **May 2018**

Dajuan is studying communications and film. He previously attempted college and eventually dropped out. Several years later, he returned to The Patch and demonstrated a sincere desire to return to school. Staff helped him to petition for re-admission and a clearing of his academic record. He was chosen to work on the camera crew of the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics.

Jaquisha



School Attending: **UK**
 Current Major: **Chemistry**
 Career Goal: **Laboratory Technician**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **3.2**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Jaquisha is a bright, hardworking young woman earning her bachelor's degree in Chemistry at UK. Despite entering a traditionally male-dominated field, Jaquisha is maintaining a 3.2 GPA, and is looking at advanced training to earn a master's in Chemistry or a doctorate in Pharmacy. She is very active on campus as a member of the Women in Sciences Club and serves as a mentor to other young women entering this field of study.

Jaquail

School Attending: **JCTC**
 Current Major: **Business Management**
 Career Goal: **Property Management**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2017**

Jaquail initially received a basketball scholarship to a private university, but quickly realized the environment was not for him. Despite first year struggles, Jaquail finished rather than dropping out. With a strong desire to transfer to UK, Jaquail looked to The Patch for guidance in navigating the complicated world of college transfers. After a year of hard work raising his GPA at a community college, Jaquail plans to transfer to UK next year with the help of The Cabbage Patch.

Kelvin (KJ)



School Attending: **JCTC**
 Current Major: **Automotive Mechanics**
 Career Goal: **Mechanic**
 Current Status: **Part Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.7**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

KJ is in his second year studying automotive mechanics and computers, and hopes to get a bachelor's degree in Business as well. While KJ could have just taken a job with a mechanic and served as an apprentice to learn his trade, he decided he wouldn't be content to just work in someone else's shop. He wants to own his own business one day so he can train and employ other at-risk young people.

Sherman

School Attending: **UK**
 Current Major: **Political Science**
 Career Goal: **Law**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2017**

Sherman hopes to get a degree in Political Science. Despite struggling his first semester, Sherman has a 2.9 GPA and is continuing to raise it. He is a bright young man with a good work ethic, who is also a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard. This year he joined the Black Student Union and the College Mentor for Kids program, and was chosen for an internship with Jack Conway's gubernatorial campaign. He is considering pursuing a law degree after he finishes his bachelor's degree.

Shaquille

School Attending: **WKU**
 Current Major: **Business Management**
 Career Goal: **Real Estate Developer**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Shaquille is active in Greek Life on campus, and served as an RA assisting other students while maintaining a 2.9 GPA and thriving in school. He hopes to earn a degree in Business Management, and is working on a certification as a real estate agent. His dream is to manage his own business and work as a real estate developer. He expects to graduate in May of 2018, and then acquire an MBA.

Hollie

School Attending: **U of L**
 Current Major: **Sociology**
 Career Goal: **Librarian**
 Current Status: **Part Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.8**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Hollie started school many years ago with The Cabbage Patch's help, but dropped out due to personal reasons. A few years ago, staff members sought her out and began encouraging her to return to classes and finish her degree. With consistent encouragement, Hollie jumped back in and is resuming classes within her Sociology major. She currently has a 2.8 GPA despite helping to raise her nephews and working full time at the JCTC library.

Kim



School Attending: **U of L**
 Current Major: **Sociology**
 Career Goal: **Business Owner**
 Current Status: **Part Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **2.8**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2018**

Kim started school many years ago as a Cabbage Patch Scholar, but dropped out when she decided to start a family. Kim helped to start a business that helps those with mental disabilities, and was recently offered a chance to advance within the organization. However, she had to have a degree to do so. With this encouragement, Kim jumped back in and is resuming classes within her Sociology major. Despite working full time while raising 3 children and a grandchild, she has been able to maintain a 2.8 GPA.

Larome

School Attending: **IU Southeast**
 Current Major: **Computer Science**
 Career Goal: **Computer Technician**
 Current Status: **Full Time Junior**
 Current Academic Performance: **3.1**
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2017**

Larome's love of computers and technology led him to pursue a degree in computer science with the hope of one day working as a computer technician. Although he dropped out of school once, Larome returned with the hope of improving himself and finishing his degree. He remains active at The Patch, playing basketball with the alumni group and volunteering in the gym, and works at UPS to help cover the cost of his schooling.

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Abdi

School Attending: **Bluegrass Community and Technical College**
Current Major: **Education**
Career Goal: **Secondary Teacher**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **2.2**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**



Abdi is an immigrant and a first generation college student. After two years of classes in community college, he plans to transition to UK and wants to study teaching. After spending the last two summers as a CIT in the Educational Opportunities program at The Cabbage Patch, he has decided he wants to become a secondary school teacher and influence other at-risk students.

SOPHOMORES

Ravon

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Art**
Career Goal: **Artist/Educator**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **2.4**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**

Ravon has been a Patch member since he was 12. He says getting involved in The Patch was essential to his finishing high school and continuing on to higher education. Ravon has a love of drawing and sculpture, and is working toward a degree in Fine Art, which he hopes to use as a professional artist in a studio creating art and working with young people interested in the field.

Julia

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **English/Education**
Career Goal: **ESL Teacher**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**

Julia hopes to transfer to the University of Louisville. Partially through her time in the Educational Opportunities department at The Cabbage Patch, Julia developed a love of learning and educating others. She hopes to earn her bachelor's degree in English, and then advance on to a master's in Teaching, so she can one day travel and work as an English teacher in Korea.

Javaughn

School Attending: **UK**
Current Major: **Psychology**
Career Goal: **Social Work**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **3.4**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**

Javaughn, called Juju by his Patch Family, has been a member since he was six. Now a sophomore at UK, Juju is receiving a full scholarship valued at over \$15,000 a year thanks to our UK partnership. He intends to major in Psychology and hopes to earn a master's degree in Social Work so he can help struggling young people. He says he might even want to work in Family Services at The Cabbage Patch! He is active on campus in the Black Student Union and some slam poetry groups.

Terrill

School Attending: **BCTC**
Current Major: **Undeclared**
Career Goal: **Undecided**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **1.9**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**

Terrill is part of the UK transition program at BCTC in Lexington. After two years of classes in community college, he plans to attend UK. Initially, Terrill was a student at WKU, but he struggled to fit in and find his groove for studying. While he was ready to drop out, staff encouraged him to refocus and transfer to BCTC where he would have the support of other Patch Scholars. This strategy worked, and he is continuing to work toward his dream of a college degree. He is looking forward to exploring possible career paths.

Tanisha

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Undeclared**
Career Goal: **Undecided**
Current Status: **Part Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **2.0**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**



Tanisha is a part time student. Despite several personal trials and setbacks, Tanisha has refused to give up on her dream of a college degree. While she has not decided on a major yet, she is working hard to complete her prerequisites and is exploring several career possibilities including Recreation or Exercise Science.

Les

School Attending: **UK**
Current Major: **Communications**
Career Goal: **TV/Film Screenwriter/Producer**
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**
Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2019**

Les has been a Patch member since he was 10 years old. He intends to major in Communications. He has a love of film and television and would enjoy creating his own movie or show one day. He was on the Dean's List his second semester, and is a member of the Underground Perspective, a group dedicated to cultural exploration and developing a global perspective for its members.

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Antonio

School Attending: **University of Kentucky**
Current Major: **Sociology**
Career Goal: **Police Detective**
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**
Current Academic Performance: **N/A**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2020**



Antonio is an exceptional young man who left his mark on The Patch by speaking on our behalf at several events. He was admitted into UK with a substantial scholarship, despite many personal struggles. He will earn his bachelor's in Sociology and continue on to receive police training. His dream is to one day become a police officer, then a detective, and serve in struggling communities like the one in which he grew up.

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Lewis

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Undeclared**
Career Goal: **Undecided**
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**
Current Academic Performance: **N/A**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2020**

Lewis is a first generation college student. Though he is not yet sure what his major will be, he is taking advantage of the college experience by putting his effort into his general studies classes and exploring career opportunities while participating in on-campus groups such as an intramural basketball league.

The College Scholars Program is an extension of our Educational Opportunities program that supports capable and motivated youth and young adults in their pursuit of a higher education.

Personal attention is provided to each Cabbage Patch College Scholar throughout their college career, greatly increasing their likelihood of graduation.

Devin

School Attending: **BCTC**
Current Major: **Computer Science**
Career Goal: **Software Development**
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**
Current Academic Performance: **2.4**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2020**

Devin is a first generation college student. After two years of classes in community college, he plans to transition to UK to study Computer Technology. Devin is passionate about computers and would eventually like to get a graduate degree in computer engineering.

Alexis

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Nursing**
Career Goal: **Nurse Practitioner**
Current Status: **Full Time**
Current Academic Performance: **2.9**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **Dec. 2018**

As the primary caregiver for her grandmother, Alexis developed a passion for nursing and health care that she is working to turn into a career. Alexis has completed her certificate as a nurse's assistant through the Central HS Nursing Magnet Program. Last spring she began to study toward her RN at JCTC. She will be working to help cover the costs of school and supplies and will continue to serve as a caregiver in addition to attending college.

Dejur

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Biology**
Career Goal: **Dentist**
Current Status: **Part Time Freshman**
Current Academic Performance: **2.2**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2020**



Dejur is a first generation college student. After two years of classes in community college, he plans to transfer to U of L in order to study Biology in hopes of transitioning into dental school.

Tiffany

School Attending: **JCTC**
Current Major: **Business**
Career Goal: **Bakery Owner/Caterer**
Current Status: **Part Time Freshman**
Current Academic Performance: **N/A**
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2020**

Tiffany is a young, single mother of a new baby, but is still working hard on her degree. She began as a part time student at JCTC studying Culinary Arts and hopes to eventually get a business degree. She wishes to own her own bakery or catering company one day. With the support of her family and The Cabbage Patch, she believes that this dream can be a reality.