Cheryl

DeKalb County, GA

**Her Story:**

My name is Cheryl and I was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica. I started working at the age of 13 years old to ensure I was adequately able to take care of myself since I was living with my single mother and my other 5 siblings. I tried my best and am currently the only child of my mom who graduated from high school. I left my mother’s house at the age of 18 years old because I was running from my stepfather whose mission was to have me do things that was not part of a father and daughter relationship. In 2004 I became pregnant and had my daughter in March 2005, all was well, but things changed, and I became a single mom when my daughter was two years old. I went back to my mom’s house and decided I had to do something for my daughter and I after four years I worked and saved enough money to enroll in the University of the West Indies where I pursued a bachelor’s degree in Business Management part-time. In 2007, I met my son’s father and things were going well within which we moved in together after having my son things began to get worst and that was when I knew things have changed and it will never be the same. In 2015 I gained the courage to ask my dad to submit a petition to the United States government to have me migrate to the US, at the time my dad was not very active in my life, and he moved to the USA in 2011 with his wife and youngest daughter. Fast forward to 2018, I decided to enroll in school again by applying for a student loan to assist me to pay for school during this time my son’s father was making it very difficult for me not helping me at all and would show up at the house we shared during our relationship. In December 2021, I told my dad about the abuse I was getting from him, and he sent an expedite to the local US embassy with evidence asking them to expedite my case based on Humanitarian reasons. With the help I paid all the fees, got my interview, and moved to the United States on April 18, 2022.

I am ready to start my journey and be an inspiration to my kids and anyone that I meet. This opportunity is greatly appreciated from the bottom of my heart.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** Education First (Part-time)- Online Teacher

**Work Experience**: Buyer III-Caterpillar Inc, Procurement Manager- KPMG, Purchasing Team Lead

**College Degree:** University of The West Indies/ Masters in Business Administration (MBA) In International Business

University of The West Indies/Bachelor of Science (Bsc) In Management Studies

**Education**:

Emory University/Certificate in Cyber Security/Pending

Emory University/Certificate in IT Fundamentals

**Annual Income**- $0

**Observation characteristics from WIT, Emory, Other Providers and Mentors (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

Cheryl works through labs with precision, asks questions, and helps others with their labs. Friendly and excellent student from beginning to the end of the program. Consistently engaged and completes all assignments thoroughly with attention to detail.

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

Very Detailed

Good Coordinator