Deborah

Dekalb County, GA

**Her Story:**

I am Deborah, a single mother of three, however I am the Seventh Child out of Sixteen brothers and sisters. I have hereditary tattoos which are my freckles, I love to dance and laugh. Since Middle School I've been trained to have a background in Administration. I've worked with Special Needs Children and Senior Citizens, which was quite rewarding, in that time span, I've learned American Sign Language, a bit of Hebrew and Spanish. I'm not as fluent as I once was but that can be remedied.

If you know this about me, you will know a lot. I moved from Pittsburgh, Pa to Atlanta, Ga with my three children. I have 2 daughters who are the eldest and my son is the youngest. I wanted to give my children an even more stable environment filled with high vibrations, peaceful energy, positivity and optimal support, you know the whole great deal, however I have struggled to give my children more to set them up for a successful and profitable future. I stayed in the same income bracket for years and I didn't think there was any other way to receive more income no matter how much I applied myself. Before I found out about City of Refuge, DigitalCrafts and WIT, my children and I were homeless for 3 months and that was a very daunting time in our lives. I do not desire to put my children through stress and instability again. I always desired to put my children through private school, travel and have Trust Fund accounts for them but I didn’t bring in enough income to do so, nor did I know enough about money. I want to participate in the WIT Program to offer a happier and substantial future for my children. I am really annoyed with the same results in my life, so I now have been introduced to WIT in order to change my direction in life, and these are some reasons I would like to be selected.

My career goals are to secure a position that will allow me the opportunity to use previous skills, current knowledge and experiences to contribute to the overall success of a company within the Tech world. Let's say I am awarded this opportunity, it would mean that I am capable, I am not crazy for imaging I can have more, learn new information in order to provide for my family and it would also prove that I am not a horrible parent for not earning enough money, but I have done the best with the tools I was given. I am a single parent who want a significantly better future for my children and I. My children would be proud of me, and it also will show them that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

I can tell you within our move to Georgia it has been a self-discovery journey. I've learned that I truly enjoy learning and teaching and vice versa (teaching than learning while I teach). Before leaving Pennsylvania, I had a Virtual Personal Trainer in Georgia who transitioned into my Mentor for Health and Wellness/Fitness, from there I taught Group Fitness Classes at Home Depot, UPS and The City of Atlanta Fitness Center for the City of Atlanta Employees. During that time, I worked as a Paralegal/Front Office/Desk Manager. In that time at the Law Office, I wrote down that I am studying Computer Science and I finally made up my mind to shift my paradigm. I say I am a much happier, peaceful, thankful and grateful human being. I hope that sums it up for now. My voyage as The Honeybee continues. That's what my name means in the Hebrew language. Until next time. Thank you for listening through my written words.

**For reference**

**Company Name:** Capgemini, Security Analyst

**Work Experience**:

Security Analyst

**College Degree:** No

**Education**:

Attending DigitalCrafts - Software Engineering skills

Software Engineering skills in Python, HTML, CSS, React, Javascript, Database

Experience with pre-work for Cyber Security utilizing Ubuntu, Oracle, Linux and Debian.

**Annual Income:** $21,930

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

* Leader -  adds great insight during the breakout sessions
* Team Contributor - offers help to others

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

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Very Engaging
* Collaborates in class
* Strong Leader