**Tameshia**

**Athens, Georgia**

**Her Story:**

I hope to begin a career in tech to establish a strong network of IT professionals from various fields (cyber security, network architects, software development, etc.) Being accepted into this program means that I can pass down the knowledge I received to my daughter and to other young women. It also means having a career that not only pays well and will provide a better life for my family, but will foster my curiosity and passion for all things tech. As a woman, it has been difficult getting a job in a male dominated industry. I see this program as a gateway into the tech industry. I have worked in the medical field since high school, but my passion has always been in technology. The key to having a rewarding career is doing something you love which is why I decided to leave the medical field and pursue a job in tech.

Initially, my focus was to become a cyber security professional but while taking courses at Georgia Gwinnett College, I developed a love for networking and coding. The interesting thing about tech is that it encompasses so many different fields that are all intertwined. It is possible for me to combine cyber security with networking or use my coding skills to discover security vulnerabilities. Working in technology forces you to become fluid and learn new things to remain up to date with current trends. Having a career that encourages learning keeps things interesting, increases my productivity, and provides me with a better overall health and wellbeing.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** Piedmont Athens Hospital

**Job Title:** Radiology Secretary

**Work Experience**: Cardiac Monitor Technician

**Other Skills:** MS Word; MS Excel; MS PowerPoint; Outlook; Teams; SharePoint

**College Degree:** Yes

BS Systems & Security (December 2022)

**Education**: Georgia Gwinnett College

MTA-Networking Fundamentals

**Annual Income:** $61,000

**Open to Relocation? Where?** Yes, any city or state

**Observation characteristics from Emory (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

* Quiet

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

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced