



# My Crazy Career Path...

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Where it all started...

Long Island,  
New York

# High school jobs



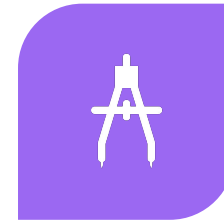
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FRIENDLY'S



MARSHALLS



DOTS



NINE WEST

# The problem child at South Side High School

- ▶ My inability to understand my emotions created a negative narrative in high school.
- ▶ Expulsion Sophomore year.



I've always been my  
biggest advocate.



# Senior year



Ambition to leave  
Hempstead.



I wanted to be a  
mortician!





There was a need  
to make my  
dreams a reality!  
But it doesn't  
happen overnight

373 Miles later  
and now  
what?

- ▶ 2 weeks before classes started, they lost the accreditation for the program.



# Work, Work, Work, Work, Work

Canton Telathon

University Police

McDonald's

Olympia Sports

Burger King

# Business Management Program 2008-2011

- ▶ Used my strength in communication to build a relationship with Dr. Fenner.
- ▶ Acquired an Associates in Business Administration -2010.
- ▶ Acquired a Bachelor's in Business Management – 2011.



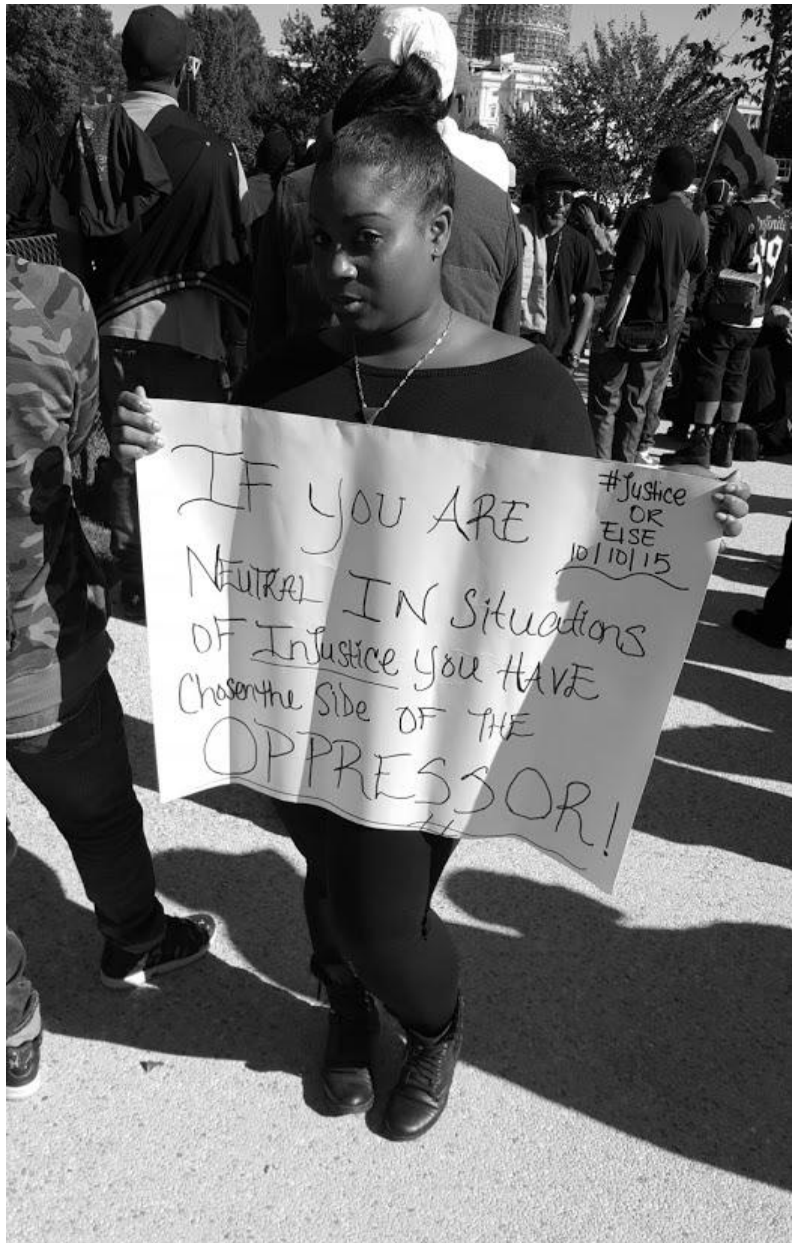


# Enterprise Rent A Car 2011-2014

INTERN, MANAGEMENT TRAINEE, MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT, ASSISTANT BRANCH RENTAL MANAGER.



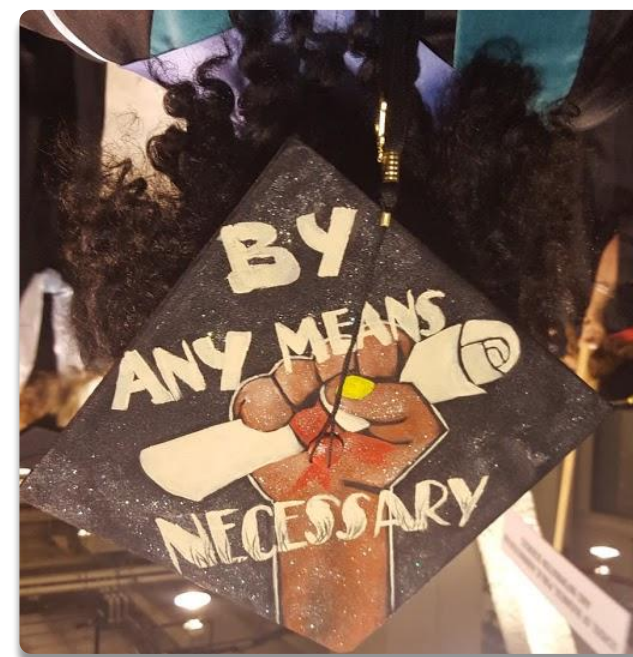
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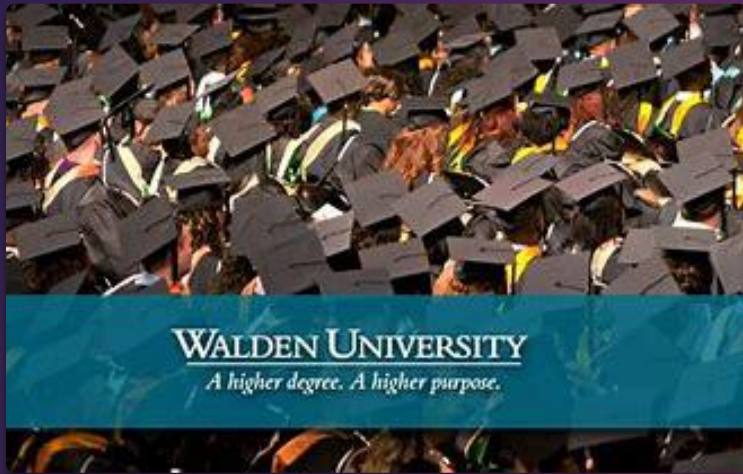


Dr. Bakry's class  
changed my life!



# The birth of a Social Justice Warrior!





Find out whatever it is you want and go after it like your life depends on it. Why? Because it does!- Les Brown

I got into this Ph.D. program so now what?

- ▶ Your Network is your net worth
- ▶ You must think outside the box
- ▶ Connect with others who are in roles you aspire to be in.

journey to make a meaningful contribution to under-served communities. I am so passionate about the education sector, and want to be in a position long term to be the voice of those whose socioeconomic status defines them. I just need the right guidance on how to get there.

Respectfully yours,  
Sabrina Johnson  
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**Dwight S. Williams** • 11:12 am

Hi Sabrina, thanks for reaching out. A few people came to mind that I know who may be able to help you achieve your goal. I'm going to reach out to them and see what is possible. In the meantime let's move this conversation to email, please email me at

[dshe1williams@gmail.com](mailto:dshe1williams@gmail.com). Thanks and I look forward to your email. Happy first







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**“There’s no such thing as an accident when  
purpose is involved.”**



- ▶ I said yes to every opportunity free of charge and ran with it until another door opened.





# Hard Work pays off

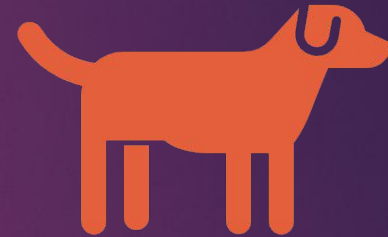
- ▶ After my service year one of the principals would then leave the current organization to serve as their new middle school principal and offer me my first full time opportunity.
- ▶ Yes, mentality persisted, and I worked while no one was looking.



# Present Day



I've realized that I'm not smart. I'm loyal



I am a different breed and that's ok.

# Current Job



Full time Student- 2 chapters  
left until I'm Dr. Johnson



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Questions





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