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TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

by Lauren Robinson ’12, Journalism

Here’s what we’ve been up to...

In December, students attended the “Freedom Sisters” exhibition at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture in Baltimore. Highlighting 28 black women American scientist, educators, politicians, and entrepreneurs who were instrumental in changing the course of history for others, the museum is an excellent addition to the winter calendar. “I was impressed by their accomplishments and the leadership they’ve been able to inspire in our society,” said Lauren Robinson ’12, editor-in-chief of The Diamondback.

Marilyn’s Hidden Historical Treasure

Students from the International Affairs Program culminated their semester-long trip to rural Jamaica with a trip to the National Heritage Park and the historic city of Slavery. The trip, which included a visit to the former slave quarters, was an incredible opportunity to see how the country’s past has shaped its present.

Making the Grade

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In November, I was presented with an amazing opportunity to speak about my experiences with the University of Maryland’s education program and the impact it has had on my life. The event, hosted by the Department of Education, was a wonderful opportunity to share my story with others.

My experience at the University of Maryland has been transformational. Not only have I been able to explore my interests and passions, but I have also been able to build strong relationships with my peers and professors. The courses I have taken have challenged me to think critically and to develop my critical thinking skills. I have also had the opportunity to participate in several extracurricular activities, which have allowed me to develop my leadership skills and to contribute to the community.

In the fall of 2020, I was selected as a 2020 IAP Scholar, which means that I received a scholarship to attend law school. This is a significant accomplishment, as I have always been passionate about pursuing a career in the legal field.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story with others and to inspire others to pursue their passions. I believe that my experience at the University of Maryland has prepared me well for whatever comes next.
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Celebrating a Milestone

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Class of 2005: Janiceia Adams ‘07, program coordinator for Teach for America, said, "IAP helped me to realize my potential and go further than I ever thought I could." To her, "To be a teacher for Teach for America was my dream. I can make a difference in the lives of children."

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Class of 2008: Eric Summit ‘08 recently completed a master's degree in educational leadership and management from Johns Hopkins University. He is now in the process of becoming a principal to help with the City of Baltimore's P-3 initiative. He is responsible for working with city partners and the Department of Human Services, developing new strategies and partnerships.

Class of 2009: Darian Scott-Carter recently completed her master’s degree in public administration from the University of Maryland University College. She is currently employed by the Baltimore City Department of Juvenile Services and works with special education students.

Class of 2010: Amara Sillah joined the Teach for America program in New York through Teach for America. She found her calling to work with under-privileged children and working in the Hotchkiss Charter School.

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Class of 2011: Jasmine Mays ‘11 is a first-year law student at the University of Maryland School of Law. She received a lot of praise from her principal, the administration, and alumni.

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Nearly five years since Misbha graduated from Maryland, she attributes her accomplishments to the lessons she learned here and her workplace experiences. She believes that treating families together, rather than as individuals, will render healing powers to plagued relationships.


"I was impressed by their accomplishments and the strong will to succeed as an inspiration for me to continue to strive for what’s important to me. This was the beginning of a personal journey that I hope takes me to new heights and experiences," said Ashley Proctor '11.

Seeing how many African-American students arrive at campus from slavery to the present stirred several students. "Since men are given the spotlight more than other women," said Tiffani Williams '13, "we never know to be an attentive and dedicated (as was) our African-American women."
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Summer 2010: Getting Oriented to the Program, the Campus and Each Other

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005
- Tony Cusanelli joined Yeni Salgado on Aug. 7, 2010 in Katy, Tex., as assistant principal at College Park High School. He is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park. A part of a family of educators, Big Fish, is an active coach for his son’s basketball team.

Jaellie Jackson is a graduate of City College in Baltimore. She is a police officer in Baltimore City and is a resident of Highlandtown. She and her family are very active in the community.

Jennifer Covahey works for the CollegeBound Foundation as a College Access Program mentor. … I’m still getting used to living in Baltimore. A lot of people are real friendly. I’ve received a lot of praise from my principal, the administration and my students. I’ve received a job offer from a school in the city and I’m very excited to possibly take that position. … I’m enjoying living in Baltimore and I want to continue to move forward in my career.

Anita Elahi joined The Teach for America corps and moved to Tennessee. She says, "I lavor very much at Easthaven Charter School. It is a great place to work and I love being here. The kids are the best and are far from boring."

Class of 2006
- Sam Watters graduated from the University of Maryland’s police academy in April 2010. He is currently serving as school resource officer at City College. He has the same passion for and is very active in his role as police officer in the city and is a resident of Highlandtown. He and his wife have been married for three years and have a two-year-old girl.

Class of 2007
- After teaching fourth grade for four years at Kate Schulte Elementary, I am now teaching at William H. Mason Elementary School with my third and fourth grade students. I have been teaching for two years and have been active in the community. I have been a teacher at a Magnet School and a Title I School. I have been a mentor for students and a teacher to students. I have been active in the community.

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