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# C'ASIA REAP & UNITE ALUMNI

High school senior preparing to study actuarial science

#### **WORDS OF ADUICE**

My advice is to go for it! Do not let anyone discourage you from reaching your full potential. This opportunity is a priceless experience and a gateway to success. If you are really interested in STEM, this is where you should be.

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#### **BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The best things about UNITE and REAP are the job skills you can gain. I worked at the Hubert Tech Science Building at Savannah State University, where I was exposed to different kinds of data through computer programming. It allowed me to consider a career I had never thought about pursuing. This is a once in a lifetime experience. How many people can say they had a productive summer, let alone participated in a paid STEM apprenticeship?

## AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM

I realized I can aim for the stars. I will break down barriers as an African-American female and pursue a career in a STEM field, specifically mathematics. I also realized that engineering is not always strictly math-focused; there is an analytical side to it as well. These two programs taught me the important virtue of patience and that not everything turns out perfectly on the first try. Thanks to these programs, I now look at engineering in a new and more positive light. With all of this experience, I am destined for greatness.

### HOW PARTICIPATING IN AEOP INSPIRED YOU TO ADVANCE IN STEM

Participating in AEOP has inspired me to look into STEM fields and explore all of the different career opportunities available. I have decided to pursue my interest in actuarial studies. Completing UNITE and REAP has dramatically enhanced my resume and provided me with even more opportunities to pursue a STEM career.

Each month AEOP features one of our program participants and future STEM leaders. Read what these alumni have learned and what they are up to now. If you're an AEOP alumni and want to tell your story visit us here: **www.surveymonkey.com/r/AEOPAlumniSpotlight**