

ALUMNI SNAPSHOT

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Darian Scott-Carter

- ~ Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, 2004
- ~ Bachelor of Arts, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland College Park, 2008
- ~ Master of Science, Integrated Homeland Security Management, Towson University, 2010
- ~ Certificate in Security Assessment and Management, Towson University, 2010

personal accomplishments and pride

- ~ Graduating college with a 3.8 GPA
- ~ Leading a 300 member marching band as Drum Major
- ~ Serving two consecutive terms as President of fraternity
- ~ Running 1st marathon, Baltimore Marathon, 2009

their journey, their words

I graduated from Dunbar High School, licensed as an EMT, First Responder, and CPR Instructor. I grew up in a single parent home and accepted a lot of responsibility as a young teen. I balanced these family and household responsibilities while maintaining superior grades. At Dunbar, Building STEPS afforded me with the opportunity to explore various colleges and careers. Through tough love, Building STEPS instilled motivation to reach for my dreams that appeared to be unattainable.

I received a full academic scholarship to the school of my dreams, the University of Maryland College Park. Go Terps! The biggest adjustment was by far the academic transition. I was not as academically prepared as my UMCP counterparts. I would often seek the guidance of university professors and participate in countless tutorial services...until I began to excel academically.

College introduced me to a plethora of life altering, developmental and enriching opportunities and I did it all. I participated in the jazz, concert, university, pep, and marching bands. I joined honor societies and organizations. Taking advantage of every opportunity, I maintained good grades and graduated on time and with honors! It's a privilege to currently work as a college advisor at Dunbar, my alma mater.

Building STEPS guided me towards the success that I have achieved today. Without this assistance, college would have remained a distant dream. Throughout my journey, Building STEPS has remained an avid supporter, mentor, and friend.

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