



My name is Jasmen White. I am a senior at Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology in the aviation academy. I am a summer intern at Leadership Jacksonville through the Mayor's Youth at Work Partnership. Working here, I generated posts for social media, transcribed information such as: program evaluations and survey results, revised photos and more.

While being a summer intern at Leadership Jacksonville I was able to improve my time management skills and network with leaders in the city. Leadership Jacksonville has led me to be more responsible and it gave me the skills needed to be a leader such as motivation, dedication, and active listening. Being here made me grasp what I want to do in the future. Ale'ta Turner helped me conduct research on my career and figure out exactly the qualifications needed. After high school, I plan on going to the University of Central Florida to major in aerospace engineering and minor in business of administrative services.

A few things I learned along the way are to never be afraid to ask questions and to always carry a notebook with me to jot down notes for later. I also learned a lot about Jacksonville itself considering that I'm not originally from here, I knew that there was a lot I wasn't aware of. Leadership Jacksonville taught me about the history of the Jessie Ball duPont Center, particularly, the center is named after Mrs. duPont who was one of the great southern philanthropists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I also learned more about Tillie K. Fowler, who was the highest-ranking woman in the U.S Congress when she retired, and the story behind the regional park named after her. Ale'ta taught me skills that I can use in and outside the workplace notably: adaptability, creative thinking, and interpersonal skills.

I had the opportunity to volunteer and participate at the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida's Cultivate Change Conference, Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida's workshop on Building an Effective Board of Directors, Leadership Jacksonville's Next Generation program days, The Arc Jacksonville luncheon, and Meninak Club of Jacksonville monthly meeting

luncheon. The first Next Generation program day that I experienced was “Creating a Caring Community”. This program day was very eye opening for me because of the poverty simulation and learning about what needs to be changed in our community.

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