

ACE DC Students selected to attend University of Maryland School of Architecture Young Scholars Summer Program

“The program really gave me strong insight into the architecture industry; and truly prepared me for my future. I enjoyed every aspect of it, and I’ve learned just how much of a productive student I could be. This program also taught me different ways to manage the different components of the college life – including work loads, time management, and even stress. Within three weeks, I was instructed to design, model, and present three different areas of design as well as technique. The first week, I created space in an open area using figural voids. During the second week I designed an art studio, using figural solids. For the third week I designed a library combining both figural voids and figural solids. These projects helped me grasp the knowledge of creating and applying space. Now I’ll be honest, these three weeks were definitely not the easiest of my life. There was a lot of hard work, focus, and dedication needed to successfully complete the program. Extended hours of work, long nights with nothing but a ruler and pencil at my grasps, and complicated assignments came to me as a shock and wake-up call. However, I knew that the projects we were given are nothing compared to what kind of projects I would have to pursue in the industry. So for me, giving up wasn’t and will never be an option. My future goals and aspirations kept me going strong and motivated me to persevere. Through every obstacle comes success, and this program taught me that. With this experience, I feel that I am now more than ready for college; and to begin my journey to become the next BILLION DOLLAR ARCHITECT!”

– **Travon Greene** (*Crossland*)



Travon Greene hard at work at UMD’s summer program

“My experience was very beneficial to my career aspirations in architecture. I had the opportunity to study architecture and learn from graduating University of Maryland students and the assistant professor Mr. Ambrose. There were about 60 of us students divided into groups of eight. We learned the ideas and concepts of architecture through form, space, and order. The program was intense and challenged our creativity and problem solving abilities. Everyday began with a lecture, followed by studio time and sketchbook sessions. For the three weeks we were there we had three projects that we worked on throughout the week. We also took fieldtrips to DC and Baltimore, where we visited an architecture agency and learned about the many careers in the architecture and engineering profession. My UMD experience was beneficial because it gave me insight into my future in architecture. I would recommend it to other ACE students because it’s a great experience and can help you decide whether a future in architecture is for you.”

– **Tevin Cole** (*Suitland*)