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Q: What are you doing now?

A: I'm a senior at the University of Memphis majoring in Sport and Leisure Management with a minor in Nutrition, Health, and Wellness, while being an Assistant Basketball Coach.

Q: What have you done since you graduated from high school?

A: Since graduating from high school, I have been involved within my community as well as on campus. I served in several leadership positions on campus at the University of Memphis. My most impactful one was being president of the Empowered Men of Color. (E.M.O.C.)

Q: What accomplishment are you most proud of at this point in your life?

A: Preparing to graduate in May of 2023

Q: What impact did GEAR UP TN or your GEAR UP TN site coordinator have on you?

A: GEAR UP TN made a huge impact in preparing me for college as far as getting the campus vibes and knowing what to expect and how to navigate college life. My GEAR UP TN coordinator (Ms. Jackie Whitten) also has had a huge impact on me as being a part of my strong support system.

Q: Of all the activities and services GEAR UP TN provided, what was the most meaningful/helpful for you?

A: The most meaningful activity and service that GEAR UP TN provided was the Youth Summit that was held during the summertime. Those 5 or 6 camps have made a lasting impact on me as far as connections that I made then and still have today.

Q: What advice would you give a current high school junior or senior?

A: GO TO COLLEGE! We know that some people say that you don't have to go, but I definitely think that a college campus has something different to offer every individual who steps on it.