

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES CENTER

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Major:

Biology, Pre-Physical Therapy

Graduation Date:

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Position: 9th Grade Biology Instructor

Organization Name & Location: Freedom Preparatory Academy in Memphis, TN

How Has The Career Services Center Helped You? During my time at Jackson State, the Career Services Center treated me like family. The faculty there did a phenomenal job in assisting in my matriculation in various ways. The most impactful tool the Career Services Center bestowed upon me was the opportunity to network. I struggled during my junior and senior year to develop an outline for my next steps beyond graduation; however, between the Tigers2Work Job Board, forums, conferences, and constant grooming that I received from the faculty and staff, I was able to find my path as an educator and young professional. I recall going to the HBCU Career Development Marketplace in College Park, Maryland with the Career Services Center being groomed and advised every mile of the way. Before graduating Jackson State and leaving the tutelage of the staff at the Career Services Center, I received multiple job opportunities, lifelong skills, and gained the ability to identify the value in myself and the work that I choose to do for the rest of my life.

Advice For Other Students: Apply, apply, apply! When you graduate, your first step might not allow fall through. Don't sit at home idle because the job offers you receive aren't 100% what you want to do. Utilize the opportunities you're presented with and the time you have to gain all the experience you can. The more experience in multiple fields you have, the more skills and networks you can add to your professional database. Use all of the resources you have available and most importantly, build meaningful relationships with your classmates, faculty, and staff. I've been granted countless opportunities that would not be possible without the relationships I formed at Jackson State and with the help of the Career Services Center.