

Kori Mitchell

Kori is a senior at Harris-Stowe State University majoring in criminal justice. Having grown up in North Lawndale she has been intentional about supporting the growth of the community she is from. Kori had the privilege of being in the International Baccalaureate program during her freshman year in high school. This was her first eye-opening experience with how exposure to diversity can impact one's life. Two years ago, Kori interned with the North Lawndale Reads program where she had the opportunity to assist in classrooms, monitor students on field trips, and support with the delivery of lessons. Kori especially valued the opportunity to mentor and build 1-on-1 relationships with students from the North Lawndale community. For Kori, this was a full circle experience, having once been one of those students who was being mentored to becoming a mentor herself. Kori is still involved in the North Lawndale community, as she continues to volunteer and support students and faculty at Sumner Academy, where she once was a student and has continued to grow. These experiences along with her passion for supporting students who have a difficult time focusing on their schoolwork and giving back to those in need sparked her interest in education and community development. While Kori's interest in data analysis is new, it has quickly grown, and she aspires to continue to strengthen this new skill. She is learning that evaluation is another tool she can use to better engage in her future education and community development work.