

Student Stories

Meet Shantoya



Major: Electrical Engineering

Year: Freshman

Age: 18

Hometown: Norfolk, VA

High School: Norview High School

Residence Hall: GRC 1

Shantoya, a freshman **Computer Engineering** student, is jumping right into college life and is ready to take advantage of everything there is to do here at VCU and in Richmond.

Shantoya wanted to stay in-state for college to save money and to stay closer to home, so she had her choice of engineering schools in Virginia. What attracted her to VCU Engineering were the unique programs, especially our affiliation with the School of Business. Shantoya was looking for an opportunity to take business classes while she was studying engineering; she knows that combination will make her degree more valuable when she graduates.

As her freshman year starts, Shantoya is looking forward to the hands-on engineering classes she'll take right off the bat, even though she knows the rest of her first year will cover many of the science and math requirements for her degree. She knows that the science and math courses are building blocks that she'll use when she gets to classes like Electric Circuits, Microelectronics, and Digital Logic Design.

Favorites:

- **High School Class:** *Calculus I and II*
- **Weekend plans:** *Laser tag, movies*
- **Sports:** *Track and Field*
- **Volunteering:** *"I worked at a summer leadership camp for high school freshmen."*
- **On Second Glance:** *"I like Greek mythology, and I was a member of Socrates Café, a group that met and discussed philosophical issues."*

Ready, set, college! "I'm most looking forward to volunteer opportunities, the lifelong relationships I'll have, getting good grades, the opportunity to have an internship, and the VCU basketball season."

What she wishes she knew when she first started looking at colleges? "I wish I had known the actual cost of college, including food, books, and leisure activities. Also, I'd really appreciate having a vehicle, I have to work at different places all over campus, but on the good side, at least it's great exercise."