

TINA MCKENZIE

Graduated Foshay
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Tina lived in south Los Angeles with her mother, who struggled with drug addiction. They were dependent on minimal government assistance.

To help support the family, when Tina was in the 9th grade she began working after school and on weekends, while maintaining an 'A' average in school.

The Fulfillment Fund provided Tina with a mentor, college counseling, group instruction in high school through the College Access Program, a college scholarship and an internship.

NOW

Tina graduated from Barnard College of Columbia University in May 2011 with a degree in economics, and plans to pursue a career in finance. She will begin working for AXA Advisors as a financial advisor in fall 2011.

During college, she completed an internship at Wells Fargo in business banking, and an internship at Universal Pictures in marketing. She also worked with a college preparatory program in New York that provides SAT preparation resources to underprivileged high school students of color.

IN HER OWN WORDS

I think of the many reasons that I am not supposed to be at this pivot in life. There were many obstacles put before me by no decision of my own.

In no way am I disgruntled or jaded. What I have learned is to search for an ounce of truth and reason, and through my attempts to understand I have learned how to forgive and not carry unnecessary baggage.

College has helped me blossom into a beautiful flower, eager and ready to make my mark on the world. Economics has afforded me with savvy and creative business techniques that I intend to sharpen through finance and possibly banking.

My goal in life is to be able to pay it forward.

Someone once told me that you have to be the change you want to see, and thus far I've been doing just that and more.



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