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Student Testimonial

Zainab Sulaiman

Nationality: Nigeria

Major: Psychology and Pan-African Studies

Graduation: Class of 2014

After Drew: Graduated with MA in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Currently co-founding non-profit in Lagos

What made you chose Drew University?

I ended up selecting Drew because I was drawn by the opportunities and the foreign concept of liberal arts. Attending a small school like Drew provided me with the chance to form close relationships with students I may have never come in contact with in a bigger school - friends I know I'll have for a lifetime.

Most importantly, small classrooms meant connecting with professors who mentored me. I am still in contact with most of them years after graduating.

▼ Zainab at her 2014 commencement



How did out-of-classroom activities affect your experience at Drew?

From an international seminar in South Africa, to being a housing assistant, to peer mentoring, to student government and being involved in many on campus clubs (especially in clubs related to my identity), I was able to complement my academics in ways I may have not fully appreciated elsewhere.

These opportunities not only strengthened my academic skills but also my personal skills such as self-confidence and gave me a firmer identity as a Nigerian-American woman.

What has your life been like since graduating from Drew?

I recently finished graduate school at King's College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. I attribute my success in graduate school largely to the liberal arts education that laid a solid foundation and left me qualified and prepared to engage with different disciplines and people. My education went beyond the classroom and those interactions and leaning experiences that were not confined to the four walls of a classroom especially prepared me for the reality of the world we live in now. I will continue to carry those experiences with me into my next ventures.

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