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Marriott Chicagoland Business Council Hospitality Scholarship

RECIPIENT | Solomon Mason

CITY: Wheaton, IL

DEGREE PROGRAM: Travel/Tourism



Hello! My name is Solomon of course but my middle name is Rose. I tell everyone that because I love the uniqueness of a man with that middle name. I am studying Hospitality and travel tourism currently (loving it too) at COD. My previous major was English because I adore writing and some of my work got into the Prairie Light Review art and literature magazine at COD so that is a huge personal achievement. But, I changed my major to what is it is now due to my realization of the passion that I held for people and nature, and travel.

I used to be a tour guide in Downtown Chicago so that experience is what attracted me to the industry. My goal is to get an abundance of experience in the Hospitality and Tourism industry so that I can be a tour guide in Iceland. Why Iceland you may ask? Many people ask me "why Iceland?" I always smile and say that Iceland is my perspective of freedom. Pure and True Freedom. The nature, the silence, the unique beauty, and the lack of a large population attract my soul unlike anything else. Besides my girlfriend of course. Life is so beautifully amazing and I want to live it. I only wish more people had that same passion.