



Maryann Nwude

Maryann graduated from Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Maryland with a 4.2 GPA. During her time in high school, she remained on the Principal's Honor Roll. Maryann was also part of the National African American Recognition Program, National Honor Society, Amazon Future Engineer Scholar, Blacks at Microsoft Scholar, NCWIT Award for Aspirations, Maryland Affiliate, two time Second Place Regional Cyber Robot Project winner, Best Chat Bot using BodKit & Cisco Webex Teams, three time Minds in Motion Scholar-Athlete Award winner, National Art Honor Society and Science National Honor Society.

In addition to her academic awards Maryann was on the Varsity Girls Lacrosse team. She also participates in Taekwondo.

Maryann extracurricular activities included, President of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement Program Club, Salvation Army Angel Tree Fundraiser volunteer, Public Relations Representative for Rainbow Club, tutor and service project organizer for the National Honor Society, tutor at Mu Alpha Theta, Technical Campus Ambassador and Capital Technology University Research Intern.

Maryann states in her personal essay, "As a future computer science major, I continue these efforts (uplift others especially marginalized communities) as I plan to develop software that improves the quality of life for others. I intent to use technology to enhance diversity initiatives and inspire underrepresented groups to pursue careers in technology."

She has already seen the effect of the lack of diversity in the industry. Maryann said, “I recently experience an extreme motivational slump and debated whether to pursue a computer science career entirely. Luckily, I was empowered by hackathon communities that fostered inclusion, exploration and continuous support.”

Maryann Nwude is a recipient of the Dawna J Colbert scholarship from the TCGi Foundation. Maryann will receive \$10,000 for her first four semesters. She has the option to apply for an additional \$10,000. Maryann will be attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the fall as a freshman.