

# Leaders Around Reston



## Madison Klosterman

Madison Klosterman began taking classes at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in Fall 2017. She is earning her associate degree in Business Administration with plans to further her educational goals of double majoring in finance and accounting at a 4-year institution.

At NOVA, there is a student lead program known as Student Ambassadors. As one of the five selected candidates to become a Loudoun campus ambassador, Madison helps to “inform her community about what NOVA has to offer and talk about what the college environment is like.” In addition to visiting each of the 16 high schools directly associated with the Loudoun campus, the ambassadors create and execute a mentoring program with a group of sophomore students at Dominion High School. Madison tells us that she joined the ambassador program because she “never considered herself to be a ‘people person,’ and she wanted to challenge herself to try something new.” One of her favorite parts of the program is having the chance to encourage students to believe in themselves.

Two strong influences in Madison’s life are her mother and father. She shares, “.....they are always motivating me, and are both extremely hardworking, determined people.” Madison’s advice to rising freshman would be to get involved! Do not take your time at school lightly; enjoy it while you can. You don’t want to wonder what you missed out on.” Madison has “met some of her best friends through campus programs,” and she would not have had that chance if she had not gotten involved in activities that made her uncomfortable!

## Hifsa Naz

Following her high school graduation in 2016, Hifsa Naz began her higher education at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), majoring in a degree that provides her the opportunity to give back to the community. Her time at NOVA has allowed her to help so many students through hardships that she wants to continue doing so.

After obtaining her associate’s degree, Hifsa will continue at a 4-year university to major in social work or education with a minor degree in business.

At NOVA, Hifsa is a highly active leader on campus. She has held five school positions, the most significant role being the student government secretary. Hifsa comments, “It is basically an office job without a salary, but I love it.” She joined the student government because she wanted to contribute to the school community in a meaningful way. Her favorite part about being secretary is “attending inspirational conferences and having opportunities to convey those messages to my peers.” On top of being one of the four voices for the entire campus student body, Hifsa has held multiple leadership positions in a variety of campus clubs all while balancing a full course load.

Hifsa’s advice for rising freshman is “never be afraid to stand your ground, feed others, and always be kind; everyone has a story; take time to get to know as many people as you can in college!” Hifsa has met numerous people from her positions on campus, some of which will be her friends long after they leave NOVA.



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