

## Murphy Lawyer Scholarship -Gerrell Gaillard

Going to college can be a major decision for different individuals and oftentimes can be who or what inspired them to pursue higher education. For me personally, my inspiration came from a few different sources.

First, it starts off with my parents, they are really big about going to college after high school. I have no option of not going to college. Growing up, they instilled in me the importance of education at a young age. Seeing them succeed and accomplish their educational goals makes me want to have a higher value of studies. Also this could benefit me greatly in the future so, why not strive for the stars and grind for a degree.

Another inspiration for me is my high school teacher. She was like my school mom, she would always tell me after I graduate from high school I need to leave and go to college. She was a firm believer that people without degrees decide to take the hard way in life and that path is way harder. Throughout my academic career she is the person that would not only get me out of tough times in school but she actually cared about me as a person. I knew that was big, because not all teachers now actually gain a relationship with their students.

Also my uncle was my major inspiration because I always knew that I wanted to become an Automotive Designer. Seeing his lifestyle and how he is very successful at a good age is what caught my interest early on in my life. He is also an engineer too. I would hear people tell me wow that great money i'm getting but it's a lot of math and hard work to work. Viewing him I see tunnel vision for my future of how I wanna be when I grow up.

All in all, I found inspiration within myself. As I grew older and started thinking about my future, I realized that I had a strong desire to continue to learn and broaden my knowledge. College has many different opportunities as well like meeting new people, gaining valuable experiences and learning new things that would help me in my future career.

Lastly, There were many factors that inspired me to attend college. From my parents, high school teacher, uncle, and myself. Something they all had similar is that pursuing higher education was the right path for me. It's important to remember that everyone's journey and path is different. It also is up to me to find that inspiration and motivation to achieve my goals and graduate from Howard University with a Mechanical Engineering major.

