

Malayisa Pouncil Questions for Student Profile

Quote: Professors are very helpful; they give you everything you need to succeed. A lot of resources are available for STEM students. Through the IISE and other student organizations the STEM program served as a pathway to achieve my career goals.

How did you end up attending Texas A&M University-Commerce?

- My first time hearing about this school was through a friend that was a year older than me, and she talked about attending this school. When it was my time to apply for schools, I decided to look into it, the tuition was at a reasonable price for me and it was a far, but not too far from home. Since I did not apply for many, I went ahead and attended.
- Fun Fact: I was not accepted into the school through my SAT, but when I sent my ACT, I was accepted and granted a scholarship.

Why did you decide to major in industrial engineering?

- Going into my freshman year, my major was Computer Science, but during orientation, I sat at a table that talked about engineers, something my mind had never been on. Once the man that was presenting, finished explaining and talking about the different Engineers and what they did, by heart and mind knew Industrial Engineering was the route for me and I changed my major, right then and there

What made you want to serve as the president of the university's chapter of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers?

- Once I knew Industrial Engineers had an organization, my freshman year, I knew I had to be part of this great opportunity, but I was scared. I had never been on a board before, so I applied for a Secretary position. I felt this would help me receive a better understanding of the organization, and lo and behold I got the position. Having a president's position was far from my mind, but I wanted to know how to be a leader, so I watched my president. I love this organization with all my heart and I was ready for anything, so when Ms. Karlie Thornton, our former president, asked if I would like to be president, all I could say was yes.

Why should a student join the University's chapter of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers?

- I have uploaded and sent out a video on youtube, called "IISE is calling all Industrial Engineers here at TAMUC", to all the IE majors at the university, as to why they should join the organization. This organization is based and for IE's and my goal is to motivate, encourage, and promote my fellow peers. I want to start preparing them for the work field, keep them engaged in projects, industrial visits, and giving back. I want them to know, the organization is for them.

Talk about your experience as a minority student in the college and at the university.

- Being a minority at this university, is not bad at all. I enjoy who I am and who I am being. I have the same opportunities, if not more as any other student at the university. I do sometimes wish more minorities knew about it or explored more, because this university does give great resources I must say. I never had a hard time adjusting to people or people adjusting to me, I honestly try my best to go with the flow. Sometimes, I might get discouraged, but I always make it a point to talk to wise professors here at the university to help me get through and I can not forget about GOD. I do not believe we should see color period, and when it comes to school all we should see is education lol, but that's just me.

What tools has TAMUC provided you with to excel in your career?

- Texas A&M- University commerce has provided me with great professors, lets start there. Every professor that I have come across, either I have learned a lesson from, learned a new technique, pushed me to go harder, or critasided me. Either way it goes, I loved it because It just made be better, I truly believe this school was for me and I was meant to go here. This University has a loud me to grow, and experience things in the little some town, I must say. Through the organization alone, I have been given the resources to attend my first ever Gala, it was breathtaking to be in the room with people that are CEO's of high-tech technology, students that are making things happen as well, etc. My eyes were open that night. Given the opportunities to go to Industrial Visits to see what IEs' do is always a blessing, because that is real life. I just started class projects, and with the projects, not only am I getting a better understanding of what we are learning in class, but we are relating it to the real world. Receiving a vision and hands-on experiences are some tools that are provided to me to excel in my career.

What are your plans for after graduation?

- After I graduate, I do hope to find a career in my field. I have not decided on a job that I would just love to work at, but I know GOD will lead me. I want to travel the world and I do plan to move out the U.S. , sooner or later. I have to go with the flow on that one. I would like to go back to school for Environmental Engineering, because I want to save our planet, no joke. So, by that being said, whatever career I find, I would like to be in a career field that would efficiently help replenish our world.