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AT&T Rising Future Makers Showcase

**Tell us how you're innovating, driving culture, and making an impact in your community and on your HBCU campus. Why should you be a Rising Future Maker?**

As a senior at Howard University majoring in Political Science and minoring in Strategic, Legal, and Management Communications, my journey has been driven by an unwavering passion for empowering youth and fostering a more equitable America. At the heart of my journey lies the Youngins on the Rise Initiative, a testament to my dedication for creating a more equitable America. As the founder, I leverage my leadership to challenge the status quo, assisting organizations, companies, and communities in promoting equity through innovative strategies. My commitment extends beyond campus boundaries; my dedication to serving the black community, particularly in advancing black education and advocating for education equity, is the driving force behind my work.

My advocacy reaches new heights as I serve as a liaison for the White House HBCU Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity. Recognizing the persistent inequalities faced by Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), I crafted a proposal to close the opportunity gap between HBCUs and Predominantly White Institutions. This groundbreaking proposal not only showcases my dedication but also outlines tangible steps to ensure every college graduate understands their full potential in American society.

Taking action beyond proposals, I organized an HBCU Student Leader Town Hall Series, a series fostering awareness and partnerships among HBCU administration, faculty, and student leaders. This initiative aims to create a vital pipeline between federal and private entities and HBCUs, bolstering the position of these institutions in society.

My commitment to education equity is not a recent development but a continuation of impactful work in my home community. Serving as the only student representative for the School District of Palm Beach County, I played a pivotal role in crafting the district's 2021-2022 Strategic Plan. My work showcased my dedication to creating a dynamic, collaborative multicultural community where education is valued at its highest potential, with a keen focus on under-resourced communities.

Beyond policy and proposals, I have created tangible change. I championed student-led focus groups, redefining resources as more than just funding—emphasizing investments in time, people, spaces, and decision-making authority. This holistic approach ensures that all district entities contribute to positive experiences for under-resourced students and their families, employees, and community members.

My ultimate goal is not just a personal ambition but a commitment to drive transformative change for future generations of Americans. Leveraging my expertise in political science and strategic communications, I endeavor to create a positive impact on society. My advocacy pushes boundaries, challenges inequities, and strives for a more inclusive future.

Innovation, leadership, and community impact are not mere buzzwords for me—they are the pillars of my journey as a Rising Future Maker. My passion and dedication make me not just an applicant but a transformative force ready to shape a brighter future for us all.