

# Michigan in Washington Student of the Week: Ashlei Anderson

**Name:** Ashlei Anderson

**Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan

**Majors:** Political Science and Afro-American Studies

**Internship Placement:** Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

## **Why did you decide to do Michigan in Washington?**

I heard about Michigan in Washington when I was a prospective freshman. I've always been interested in black politics and black public policy and I knew that Michigan in Washington would give me a great opportunity to have an internship in that field.

## **What are some of the projects you have been working on at your internship?**

Currently I am working on an issue brief about the school-to-prison pipeline and the racial disparities with school discipline. In September, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation put on their Annual Legislative Conference, so I helped with various panels within the conference.

## **What elective are you taking and is there anything interesting you have been learning in this class?**

I am currently taking "Campaigns & Elections." I've really enjoyed learning about the multiple ways a campaign can influence an election and reflecting on the campaign strategies for the 2016 election.

## **What has been your coolest moment in D.C. so far?**

During the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I met Rep. Maxine Waters and Rep John Lewis!

## **What are you looking forward to for the rest of the semester?**

I am looking forward to exploring D.C. and visiting different restaurants!

