

# Michigan in Washington Student of the Week: Sidney Arrington-Ashford

**Name:** Sidney Arrington-Ashford

**Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan

**Major:** Political Science **Minor:** Community Action and Social Change

**Internship Placement:** Emerge America

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

I learned about Michigan in Washington from my mentor and MIW alumna Naomi Smith. Naomi advocated for the program to help me live out my dreams in Washington, DC as an intern exploring my political interests. Since high school I have taken great interests in politics specifically policy geared towards the advancement of African Americans and international policy. After doing research and hearing great reviews, I knew Michigan in Washington was a great opportunity to jumpstart my career in the political sphere.



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

At Emerge America I am a finance fellow that specializes in doing donor research for the non-profit organization and assisting with event planning and implementation. Upon starting my internship, I helped execute the annual Women's Convening with Democratic women from all over the United States. Currently I am securing donors and guests for our upcoming event with fashion designer Maria Pinto.

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

I am currently taking "Campaigns & Elections" with Professor Goldstein. I enjoy learning how to run a political campaign and how campaigns influence an election. My favorite part of the class is examining campaign strategies and knowing that I am one step closer to becoming the next great political pioneer.

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

There have been many great moments in D.C. so far however my top two favorite moments were meeting Communications Specialist Jeff Johnson while being featured on C-span during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference and receiving the opportunity to meet Representative Nancy Pelosi.



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

I am looking forward to visiting law schools in the surrounding area and exploring DC's hidden treasures.



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