Nadiyah Bell

In May of 2024, Nadiyah Bell successfully completed her Senior year at **Howard University**, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Upon graduation, she will be starting a full time position as a Highway Design Specialist at Traffic Planning Design, Inc. Nadiyah also had the option of pursuing a Doctoral Degree at Howard University with full funding,



but she chose to defer this opportunity for the work experience instead. During her tenure at Howard University, Nadiyah excelled in all the areas of mission focused achievements that the RW Sorrell Scholarship Fund supports, that is leadership, community service and academics. Some of the activities included serving as a tutor to other students on campus in math classes and civil engineering courses. Throughout her 4 years at Howard, she was a member of HU Philly Club which is an organization that helps students connect with other Howard students from Philadelphia and the surrounding areas. During her senior year, she served on the executive board as the correspondence lead, making sure to hear and note the feedback of everyone in the organization during meetings, taking attendance, and planning activities and other events campus wide as well as within the organization. She was also a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and American Society of Civil Engineers through Howard student chapter and plan on continuing this membership.

One of Nadiyah's most memorable experiences occurred during her junior year when she participated in Howard University Alternative Spring Break (HUASB), a program where students commit to doing community service during the entire spring break week. She was assigned to work with young children in Chicago where her group focused on mentorship and being a guide for high school students as well as young children at an after school program. She also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and assisted in building a house that would be given to someone in need of a home. Nadiyah stated "this experience is what confirmed that I am meant to serve my community through leadership and mentorship and I am now seeking how that looks for me post grad." During her senior year, Nadiyah was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success at Howard. This honors society emphasizes effective leadership skills to achieve personal growth, career success, and to have a positive impact in the community. Nadiyah is thankful to have had the support of the R.W. Sorrell Scholarship.