

D’Nyah Jefferson-Philmore



We are proud to announce and congratulate **D’Nyah Jefferson-Philmore**, a 2022 RW Sorrell Scholarship recipient, and a successful graduate of **Howard University**.

On May 8, 2026, she graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors, earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and a 3.7 Grade Point Average (GPA). The \$20,000 RW Sorrell Scholarship she received (4 years @\$5,000 per year), paired with the opportunity to complete a four-year paid summer internship at Independence Blue Cross not only supported her financially, but introduced her to new friends, mentors and memories that helped make the experience memorable.

D’Nyah’s journey at Howard University challenged her, strengthened her and boosted her confidence in untold ways. It also allowed her to build on characteristics she already possessed such as hard work, discipline and self-awareness. As she reflects on the past four years of college, D’Nyah is ready to translate her passion for learning and growing into strategies for reporting meaningful stories. She plans to continue her professional development by working with former Philadelphia Eagles’ player Malcolm Jenkins through his nonprofit foundation. She believes that being a part of this effort will allow her to nurture her passion for communications while contributing to meaningful community storytelling in a purpose-driven space.

D’Nyah’s proudest accomplishment during her senior year at Howard University was completing her capstone while balancing internships, leadership roles, and continued personal and professional growth. D’Nyah is more grounded in who she is and more certain of the path she wants to pursue, which is a career in Communications where she can continue telling impactful stories, amplifying underrepresented voices, and creating meaningful content that connects with people. Looking ahead, her goal is to use her voice and platform to inform, inspire, and contribute to spaces that value truth and storytelling. She also looks forward to continuing her involvement with the scholarship fund. “I would be truly honored to continue my involvement with the RW Sorrell Scholarship Fund as an ambassador, mentor, or participant in networking opportunities. This organization has played such an important role in my journey, and I would love the opportunity to give back and support future scholars in the same way I have been supported.”

As she steps into this next chapter, she does so with gratitude, confidence, and purpose. All the Best! ■