

Sadiyah Sabir



Sadiyah Sabir a 2022 RW Sorrell Scholarship (RWSSF) recipient earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in December of 2025, a semester earlier than the customary four years. Throughout her tenure at **Temple University**, she maintained a strong academic standing, graduating with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.86 while balancing leadership roles, employment, family changes, and the everyday challenges that come with being a college student. We enthusiastically celebrate her accomplishment and wish her well with future endeavors.

Sadiyah presents as a student who is mature beyond her years. She has strong interpersonal skills, is empathetic, and eager and willing to use these skills to contribute to her community. One of her proudest achievements at Temple University was serving as President of the Association of Black Psychologists, a role she carried for two years. Through this role, she was able to build community, create meaningful connections, develop as a leader, and contribute to important conversations regarding mental health concerns/initiatives in the black community. She is proud of her contributions and that the organization continues to thrive under new leadership. Another role that allowed Sadiyah to build community, develop leadership skills, participate in positive engagement and strengthen peer relationships, was the role of Resident Advisor in her dormitory. Sadiyah's curiosity and desire to learn about others and the world she lives in prompted her to participate in two study abroad programs on two different continents. These experiences challenged her, broadened her perspective, and allowed her to learn first-hand about different cultures, and how health care, specifically mental health is supported or perceived in other countries.

Now that she has completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology with a minor in Spanish, Sadiyah plans to pursue an advanced degree (PhD) in Counseling Psychology. Someday, she hopes to integrate all of her learning experiences to serve as a springboard for opening her own mental health organization. She will focus on improving the health status of those in vulnerable, marginalized, or underserved communities through a resilient and strength-based approach.

She plans to stay involved with organizations such as the Association of Black Psychologists and the RWSSF, i.e. mentoring and networking opportunities. Sadiyah expresses gratitude to the RWSSF for the four-year scholarship awarded featuring a four-year paid internship at Independence Blue Cross. This dual benefit opportunity not only provided financial support, but contributed to career readiness as well. ■