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Internship Company: Washington University's Office of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

Where You're From: Chelles, France.

Q: First off, why do you want to become a lawyer?

Before going to college, I thought of going to law school. It was only after taking logic classes in philosophy classes that I truly believed that law school would be a good fit. I loved tackling intellectually challenging work. In addition, going to law school meant I could use my skills to help others. As an international student, I observed how populations issued from immigration struggle to find legal counsel. By going to law school, I hope to be a resource and volunteer so I can bring a positive impact on my environment.

Q: Who or what has been a major influence or inspiration to you?

My parents inspire me because of their wisdom, strength, and perseverance. They have been supportive during my journey in the United States. I know my parents are proud of me and thrilled that I am participating in the ACC program!

Q: What do you hope to accomplish in your career?

I want to impact my environment. For example, I met real property lawyers who could point out buildings or skyscrapers that were built thanks to their contributions. Similarly, I want my work to impact the world and show my family the lasting manifestations of my work.

Q: What do you hope to gain from your 2023 Summer Internship?

I plan to work on different kinds of projects and get exposed to fields I am not familiar with. I am very grateful that I am matched with the Washington University's Office of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel because I have the opportunity to see my school in a different light and interact with lawyers who shape my experience at WashU Law.

Q: Just for fun, what's one song that you have completely memorized?

River Deep, Mountain High, by Tina Turner. To learn how to speak English, I used to memorize English songs. Tina Turner's music was one of the catchiest and taught me a lot of words.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like us to know about yourself?

I was recently elected Student Bar Association President. I am very excited to serve in this position and shape my experience at the law school. In addition to learning from incredible lawyers, I am also going to learn about my school, which will help me make decisions during my mandate.