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VETERANS INTEGRATION TO ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

STUDENT VETERAN SERVICES

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Candice O'Neal is a VITAL work-study student who helps student Veterans become familiar with their benefits as they make their transitions from soldier to student. Candice believes that connecting soldiers to their benefits helps propel them forward in their educational success. Candice holds a degree in Communications and a minor in Visual Arts, which she obtained, May 19' from Fordham University. During her time as an Undergrad at Fordham, she contributed to the Fordham Observer as a photographer providing images for weekly stories. Candice has also photograph profiles for this V.I.T.A.L Veterans project in an effort to help share their stories across VA social media platforms. Candice will be continuing her education in the fall of 2019 at Fordham University for her Master's in Public Media.

When did you separate and what are you doing now?

I separated from the United States Army in September 2017.

Who are the people you are closest to?

The people who I am closest to are the people who I found while in the military. I am still very close to all of my battle friends, those who are now student veterans and those who are enlisted as well.

What is your proudest moment?

My proudest moment was graduating from Fordham University with my degree in Communications as well as my acceptance into the MA program for Public Media.

What are your goals?

My main goal is to continue my education and to graduate at the top of my class.

What do you like best about VA work-study or VITAL?

VITAL has helped me connect myself to all kinds of resources. I am grateful for the way it has connected me with other Veterans but I am even more grateful for the way it has connected me to other resources, which in turn have helped contribute to my success.