

My name is LaQuandria Murry, I am a sophomore double majoring in Mathematics and Mathematics Education at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). During my years in high school, I always enjoyed mathematics and helping other classmates as well. Sometimes I even caught myself “stealing the teacher’s job” by going to the board and help other students. By senior year I knew what I wanted to major in, mathematics. I knew I had a passion for helping others, so I decided why not major in both mathematics and mathematics education.

My high school teacher influenced me with majoring in mathematics from the way he taught me. I knew without getting an education most people won’t have a dream job in life. I knew education was, and still is important, so I wanted to help people by being an educator. The MCIS department on campus opened a lot of doors for me during my freshman year. I got to attend my first conference (ADMI) in New Orleans, LA. The conference allowed me to be in a professional environment and helped me learn how to communicate with others. While attending this conference, it made me realize how I truly want to help others and how important Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics is.

I am a member of the Mathematics Computer Information Sciences (MCIS) club and the Women in Science and Technology (WIST) club. In both clubs, we do volunteer work, fundraisers, study sessions, etc. These clubs motivate me to keep pushing myself to move forward and to help others. I also volunteer to tutor intermediate and college algebra on campus. In June 2018, I got the chance to be a counselor/teacher’s assistant in the GEMS Academy. The GEMS Academy is an all-girls academy of ages 10-13. While working with the girls, I got a glimpse of how my future will be as an educator and it warmed my heart.

After receiving my Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Mathematics Education, I plan to teach at a secondary school of my choice. I later plan to go back to receive my Master’s degree and maybe even PhD after that. I would like to encourage others to major in the STEM field. My ultimate goal is to be an amazing educator and help children get an education, just like I had educators to help me.