

## **LaKisha Evans**

### ***Platform: Health Related Issues in the United States***

Hi, my name is Lakisha Andrea Evans; the first of two children to Linda Evans Lawrence and Andrew King. I was born in Memphis, Tennessee on May 13, 1984. I have always been an ambitious and outgoing person. I have always had a passion for learning and growth, at a very young age I excel at reading and math, and was always on the honor roll at my grade school. I attended Mitchell High School there I was part of the Prom squad and was part of the track team. I graduated in May of 2003 with good grades. Immediately after, I went on to join the Army reserve the training was great, and the Army was a big help with my school expenses as well as tuition.

While in the Army I also attended college I enrolled as a freshman at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. in August of 04. School was fun but, while returning home for the weekend I was involved in a very bad car wreck sending me to the hospital for treatment to my face and body. I was sent home with a broken nose, neck, and back injuries. Because of the accident and a few more issues I had to postpone school, and find a job. After numerous jobs all short term I finally landed a job with GAT Airlines at the Memphis International Airport in January of 2006. While working a friend there told me about this school called Remington College and how its short term professional programs adjusted to his hours and schedule. I went and found out for myself all about the school liked what I heard, and enrolled as a Pharmacy Technician Student. From then on I was focused and stayed on track once in the program I made my mind up, and knew what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I came to one of my teachers and asked her, about me becoming a pharmacist, and she told me I can do it. Right now I am a student at Southwest Community College majoring in General Science with the plans of going on to the University of Memphis, and finishing up my studies at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center right here in Memphis with the high hopes of being accepted to study and become part of the Pharmacy program they have there.

My platform I would have to say would be to focus more on the health issues of all races. Being healthy is a major issue not just in my life, but the lives of others 89% of African Americans right here in Memphis, Tennessee are either overweight or have some other health problem that is decreasing their chances of life longevity. Health awareness should be on all of our minds staying clean of toxins as I call them (smoking, alcohol, and junk food) we all transform, grow, and have longer life spans it's true. With the proper exercise and diet we all can reap the benefits.

In my spare time I'm always looking for challenges, whether if it's at work or within my personal life as of right now I'm learning to speak Italian, I love to shop, cooking, and math.