

JALEN FAISON

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EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

Durham, NC | **Psychology and African & African American Studies**, Minors in **Education, Visual Media Studies**

Engaged in undergraduate coursework covering Identity, Inequality, Representation, and Literature & Media.

- Duke University **Reginaldo "Reggie" Howard Memorial Scholar**
- Involved in BSA (Publicity), DUU (Freewater Presentations), Duke Film Club, Cognitive Performance and Aging Research, OUSF Student Advisory Committee, **Identity and Diversity Research**, and Revive Book Club (Secretary)

NEEDHAM B. BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2022

Raleigh, NC | *High School Diploma; International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma*

- Notable Achievements: Within the **top 5%** of my graduating class (450), Extended **Psychological Research** in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Student Government (Executive Cabinet), National Honor Society Secretary, Science Olympiad Co-Captain, **Harvard Book Prize Winner**, Service Club (Highest Non-Academic Honor)

EXPERIENCES

DUKE IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY LAB | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT

Durham, NC

- Completion of managerial tasks including lab upkeep; extensive literature review on effect of film stereotypes on self-esteem
- Assisted in the administration of studies on Hispanic/Latino identity, the effect of gesture, and essentialism in child studies

DUKE CENTER FOR COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE | RESEARCH INTERN

AUGUST 2023 - DECEMBER 2023

Durham, NC

- Conducted review of literature on learning, memory, and consciousness through the **Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience**
- Used **Python** to code and design original experiment to investigate the role of morality in decision-making
- **Data analysis and presentation** of the effects of aging on cognitive performance through visual search

NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | ADVISORY COUNCIL

AUGUST 2020 - JUNE 2022

North Carolina (state-wide)

- Introduced the '**Equitable Testing Exemption Act**' designed to address inconsistencies amongst teacher-made final exams
- Collaborated with CTE policy makers to provide more career-exploring internships into the curriculum, simultaneously earning honors class credit

VOLUNTEERING

FREE SPIRIT MEDIA (FSM) | OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

JUNE 2024 - AUGUST 2024

Chicago, IL

- Planned and organized One Summer Chicago (OSC) to uplift young Black voices through film and media practices
- Engaged community through the management of FSM's social media including creating and editing content for **Instagram** and Newsletter curated through **Mailchimp**

DURHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | TEACHER ASSISTANT

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

Durham, NC

- Over **75 hours** assisting students in the Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program
- Developing problem-solving skills, improving literacy, and attending to individual students needs
- Uplifting '**We are Kings**' Program for boys of color designed to decrease the achievement gap and empower student voice

AWARDS, ACCOLADES, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Leadership in Education Award
- Excellence in Psychology, **one of three** students to complete 3 years of psychology in high school (Honors, IB-SL, IB-HL)
- Simon Parker Outstanding Service Award, merited for significant and meaningful contribution to high school
- BB&T (now Truist) Certification in Financial Literacy
- Spotlight on Students Award, county-wide recognition for academic and extracurricular excellence

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- **Technical:** Well-versed in Canva, Camera Raw, Photoshop, Premier Pro and Illustrator, Working-proficiency in Python
- **Language:** English (native language), French (B1 - intermediate aiming for fluency)
- **Other Interests:** Writing, Poetry, Travelling, Photography, Literature and Film, Music, Tennis, Fashion