

North Lake College



Student of the Year Award

Mhakeda E.A Shillingford

North Lake College
Dallas County Community College District

TJCSGA Region II
2018-2019

“I may not know what tomorrow holds, but I know what I want and I can’t allow my dreams and passions for the betterment of our community to be diverted by my obstacles. Throughout my life, I’ve always had a passion for my community. My passion for the elder, the young, my peers never falter. I pride myself on community inclusion. I am only a product of my surroundings, a product of what my community molded me to be. I’ve always been a servant leader for my community. Now I found a new community to love and cherish as well. I am a servant leader for my college community. That’s my priority.” Mhakeda.S.

Mhakeda represents admirable attributes of a college student. She is dedicated and passionate about Student Government Association. She strives to be the voice of hope for the voiceless and the force of progress for the quiet. She serves locally, as the Parliamentarian at North Lake College, guiding her fellow peers to the altitude of leadership they strive for. Regionally, she serves as Parliamentarian, organizing trainings and assisting her fellow officers in every way she could without questions. She is that one individual we could count on to step up in any situation when needed, and she would always respond, “I am loyal to you North Lake and if you need me to step up, I will, I will make you proud.” Making us proud, Mhakeda serves as Texas Junior College Student Government Association State President. In addition to this strong commitment to SGA, Mhakeda is involved in various other organizations and volunteer projects, servicing campus events and the community at large. Mhakeda is a determined student, one who upholds the values of academic success, community development, and school pride.

Mhakeda was elected as Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association at North Lake College for the 2018 - 2019 school semester. She also sits as co-chair for the Sports committee for our local SGA. As Parliamentarian, Mhakeda oversees that we are all full filling

our jobs to the best of our ability within all general and executive meetings. As co-chair she exhibits an incredible amount of school pride and school spirit, supporting our sports team and fulfilling different goals set out for them. The overall function of the Student Government Association at North Lake College is to serve the needs of all students. Embrace and Appreciate our diversity. Support and encourage our organizations as a representative body. "We all come from different cultures, different beliefs, different walks of life. But here, at Northlake we are a family, which means no one gets left behind," Mhakeda.S

Mhakeda co-assisted our local Vice President in organizing our event of the year, Show up to Glow up, which was an event giving back to our delegation for their hard work and commitment to North Lake. The Glow Party broadened our horizon on active delegates by 65%. Her vision was to let our Blazers know that we care about them. That even though we work hard for a better college experience. We also need to enjoy our college experience Have fun, come together and reign. She rally's our students to attend sports game at least 3 times a month. Encouraging our teams to shine. Making sure they know SGA is here for them too.

Aside from SGA Mhakeda is an active member in our honor societies. She serves as a member of Psi Beta and Mu Theta, passionately portraying her love for Math and Psychology. In addition to her honor student background, she serves as a membership committee co-chair for Phi Theta Kappa, embodying the hallmarks it stands for: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. She strives to motivate her fellow peers to step out their comfort zones and be the stars they are. Mhakeda takes her dreams and ambitions to heart, never allowing obstacles to detour her from her goals. Through her academic success she was awarded the Country of Sint Maarten Student Scholarship, to continue her academic journey and portraying her island pride.

Mhakeda is also a Peer to Peer advocate on campus. The Peer to Peer Mentor Program focuses on suicide awareness, prevention, and how to reach out to students struggling with difficulties and issues. This program was created, with the aid of NLC SGA, as a system that can surpass the divide of stigmas associated with reaching out to a Counselor or Faculty member when in need. By creating a system of student mentors, other students can feel more comfortable and willing to express themselves. We continue to encourage students to become a Peer to Peer mentor after he attended a Suicide Awareness workshop facilitated by Ms. Dalia Blell, one of the Lead Counselors on campus. Her passion towards the Peer to Peer Advocate Program encourages students throughout campus to get involved and learn more about how they can help.

Mhakeda is also an ambitious student whom have completed all three levels offered by the Student Leadership Institute. Mhakeda is also part of the Orientation Team where she guides and educates the new incoming students of North Lake College about the services and offerings of North Lake College, as well as tour them around Campus.

Mhakeda has exhibited her passion for civil rights and community impact through her leadership in North Lake Healthy Lifestyle Squad. Their campaign this year was a scholarship with the nationally renowned Truth initiative. Mhakeda organized their Workshops insuring there were an establish panel of speakers, volunteers, service-learning benefits and course classes participation. She dedicates a minimum of 5 hours every other week to the North lake Truth Campaign; meeting with our president, Dr.Slako, our Service learning administration and coordinator of student life looking for new ways to impact her college and surrounding community positively. Mhakeda co-organized the Truth March that was held; which was to campaign the effects of smoking tobacco. Mhakeda lead the rally for their silent march

implementing the importance of our health and safety. The silent march was in memorial for all the lives lost daily by tobacco use.

Patrol to Eradicate Pedophilia and Child Molestation is a nonprofit foundation that Mhakeda founded. Though her new life is in Texas, her dedication to her island never faltered. She spends hours weekly working diligently with her team to protect the youth of her island. "I love my paradise island and I will never be able to stand aside and allow our children to be harmed. It takes a village to raise a child, that is my village and I will protect them. I may be far away, but my heart is bounded," Mhakeda Shillingford. She believes in the safe guarding and mental rehabilitation of their youth. Her team trusts her leadership and they work closely to ensure that all projects and events are successfully carried out. The foundation ranges from education, mental rehabilitation, social issues, legal affairs and legislations.

Mhakeda though dedicated to her commitments also have a demanding person life. Having left her island to come to Texas for an education, she needed to fend for herself. She lives alone in Texas where no family members are, determined to find her way to an even brighter future. Working 50 hours a week, she ensures that her house-holds are taken care of. "Though it may be emotionally and mentally tough on me I know why I am year and it will all be worth it in the end." After having to deal with the natural disaster damaging 90% of island, she needed to work 10 time harder insure her and her family was okay.

"Mhakeda Shillingford is the most trustworthy and honorable person I know. She defines leadership and professionalism. Her friendly behavior and positive attitude allowed me to feel comfortable getting throughly involved in North Lake SGA and pursuing the secretary position. She proved to me just how amazing SGA can be through her kindness and dedication."-Luis Fuentes

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OBJECTIVE

By means of this resume I would like to apply for the position of a Full-time employee. I am adaptable dedicated. I strive to accomplish every goal set and use obstacles as learning materials for the betterment of my career and my knowledge. I am passionate about leadership and development and I will contribute with persistence and determination.

EXPERIENCE

Trust Group Inc

- Marketing
- Sales
- Recruitment
- Train and development

North Lake College Orientation Team

- Mentor
- Train and Development
- Leadership

Parliament of Sint Maarten

- Executive Personal Assistant

Department of Legal Affairs and Legislation

- Administration
- Scheduling
- Secretary
- Proof Reading

Juliana Airport Handlers

- Sales and Service
- Ticketing

- Administration

SKILLS/Certifications

- Computer literate
- Well versed in all area word, excel , access ,power point
- Peer to peer suicide prevention
- Leadership institute Level 1
- Leadership institute Level 2
- Leadership Institute Level 3
- Great organization skill
- Academic and social organizational skills
- Great time Management
- Successfully balanced full time job career with full time academic career including associations and honor societies.
- Committed

EDUCATION

Higher Education., North Lake College, Current

Associates of Science-biochemistry

Elementary, ~~Bowling~~ Millard Campus ,2010

Subjects:

Math (achieved with distinction)

English (achieved with merit)

Secondary, Sint Maarten academy Academic Section, 2015

Subjects:

Math (achieved with distinction)

English (achieved with merit)

Dutch (achieved with merit)

Technology (achieved with merit)

Science (achieved with merit)

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Strong leadership qualities

- Psi Beta Psychology honor Society
- Mu Theta Math Honor Society
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- President of Texas Junior College Student Government Association
- Parliamentarian of Texas Junior College Student Government Association Region II
- Parliamentarian of Student Government Association (North Lake College)
- Co-chair Sports Committee Student Government Association (North Lake College)
- Vice President of Healthy Lifestyle Squad Truth Campaign (North Lake College)
- Chairman of Awards for Student Government (North Lake College)
- Membership Co-chair of Phi Theta Kappa (Alpha Zeta Eta)
- General Advisor for Sint Maarten Youth Parliament
- Member of Kingdom Youth Parliament
- Member of Blazers Activity Board (North Lake College)
- Founder and President of P.E.P (Patrol to Eradicate Pedophilia)
- President of Sint Maarten Youth Parliament
- Vice President of Sint Maarten Youth Parliament
- President of ~~Santa Ana~~ Elite Youth Toastmasters Club
- Writer For Beautiful Me Magazine
- Member of the Elite Climate Changers
- Member of the Disciplinary Board for ~~World~~ Basketball Association
- Representative for Sint Maarten at Leadercast-Bravery
- Keynote speaker for Leadercast-Bravery Sint Maarten
- Recipient of the Principals Award at St.Maarten Academy.
- Recipient of Sint Maarten Outstanding Youth Award

- **Recipient of Most Dedicated to the Community Award**
- **Youngest Recipient of the National Alliance Community Service Award**
- **Nominee for the Leader Worth Following Award (only Nominee in under the age of 40)**
- **Member of Sint Maarten Debate Team**



Mhakeda Shillingford has served as the Texas Junior College Student Government Association(TJCSGA) President 2018-2019. This beautiful portrait of Mhakeda was taken moments before delivering a speech to the people of Texas at the Texas State Capital.



Mhakeda Shillingford has served as the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Region II Parliamentarian 2018-2019. This photo of Mhakeda and the Region II board was taken at the TJCSGA Region II 2018 Fall Conference.



Mhakeda Shillingford alongside the TJCSGA State Board.



Mhakeda actively participates in her local SGA board as Parliamentarian at multiple recruitment and fundraising events.



Mhakeda serves as a Co-Chair of Membership in the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international honor society. Above is a photo of Mhakeda at an event where multiple PTK chapters embraced the hallmark of fellowship.



Mhakeda is a Peer to Peer advocate meaning she is certified in helping students who may have suicidal thoughts. She owns this badge with pride as it is a symbol to all that she is a beacon of help and support.



Mhakeda Shillingford assisting police officers in “Coffee with a Cop”. An event that allows students to meet with police as they get to personally know one another.



Mhakeda Shillingford receiving her certificate from Ms. Candace Eldridge. She is giving Mhakeda her last certificate as she has completed the final level of Student leadership Institute.



Mhakeda Shillingford is the Vice President of the Healthy Lifestyle Club which has received funding from Truth. We see her in photos above helping to lead an event in memory of those who have died due to 2nd hand smoking.



Here we see Mhakeda displaying North Lake College pride as a Student Orientation Leader. Her duties are to help new college students find their way around campus and inform them of all the opportunities community college has to offer.