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**AKOSUA NYARKO TUFFUOR, JURIS DOCTOR**



Akosua Nyarko Tuffuor graduated The George Washington University Law School – Class of 2021. Her concentrations were in Health Law, and Business & Finance Law

**AWARDS/HONORS:** 2021 First Place Winner of University of Maryland's Health Law & Regulatory Compliance Competition (focus on FDA Law)  
Dean's Pro Bono Recognition – Whitman-Walker Legal Clinic Volunteer  
2021 Kahan Health/FDA Law 3L Fellow

Student Health Law Association: President 2020-2021; Director of Events 2019-2020

Black Law Student's Association (2018-2021 Member and Mentor)  
Whitman-Walker Legal Clinic Volunteer (Washington, DC)

In 2016, Akosua Tuffuor graduated magna laude from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. During her college career, she was as a Student Ambassador for Wake Forest's Women's Center, a tutor for Spanish and Genetics students, and a member of her University Choir. Akosua remained engaged in the Winston-Salem community as a student tutor for children at the La Deara Crest Community Center and as a medical volunteer at the Winston-Salem Community Care Clinic. In addition to her community service and campus activities, Akosua held internships at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY), the Wake Forest University Biology Department (Winston-Salem, NC), and the New Jersey Department of Health (Trenton, NJ).

Throughout her time at The George Washington University Law School, Akosua served as the Director of Events and President of GW's Student Health Law Association. Akosua held internships at Bristol-Myers Squibb (Princeton, NJ), US Dept. of Health & Human Services (Washington, DC), and Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney (Philadelphia, PA). Her last year in law school, Akosua won First Place at University of Maryland's Health Law & Regulatory Compliance Competition and received the GW Law Dean's Pro Bono Recognition for her volunteer service at the Whitman-Walker Legal Clinic (Washington, DC). This fall, she will begin her legal career in the Pharmaceutical/Biotech Practice Group at Hogan Lovells, a law firm in DC. She looks forward to using her expertise to help pharmaceutical companies develop innovative drugs and therapies. Akosua is extremely blessed to have received so many wonderful opportunities and thanks God and the Mt. Zion Church Family for the continued love and support.

## TATYANNA N. CARMAN, Bachelor of Arts



**AWARDS/HONORS:** Tatyanna graduated *summa cum laude* in May 2021 with her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at Rider University. She received the 2021 Howard and Harriett Schwartz Award for Excellence and received a second-place award by the New Jersey Press Foundation for news writing. Tatyanna was inducted into three honor societies: Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Pi Eta, and Omicron Delta Kappa. Tatyanna also received a second-place award by the New Jersey Press Foundation in the enterprise/investigative reporting category for co-reporting "Dean's denial ignites debate about his reputation" in 2020. Tatyanna received a third-place award by the New Jersey Press Foundation for the web project category for the ongoing "Westminster Report." During her undergraduate studies, Tatyanna was a part of Tapestry, a co-curricular initiative a part of the Department of Communication and Journalism, and The Rider News, a collegiate newspaper. Tapestry works to help illuminate the perspectives of underrepresented populations through reporting and film. Tatyanna was a founding member of the organization and has held numerous leadership positions within the initiative. She has held positions such as project manager, peer mentor, artist relations manager, host, assistant project manager, editor, and interviewer. Tatyanna has helped construct events with guest speakers including professor and activist Angela Davis, former editor-in-chief of Essence Magazine Susan L. Taylor, and Dr. Loretta Long who played Susan in Sesame Street. Tatyanna wrote for The Rider News since her freshman year in 2017 and has held several positions at the newspaper. She was a copy editor and news editor at The Rider News. Tatyanna volunteers at The Success Forum of Franklin Township, a youth empowerment program for middle and high school students in the Franklin School District. She is a member of the Alumni Association, serves as a success coach, and mentors students from grades six through 12. Tatyanna participates in special community activities and community service projects. Tatyanna also recruits new members for the organization. Tatyanna's current graduate GPA is a 4.0. She will be a graduate assistant for the Business Communication program in the fall. Tatyanna is projected to graduate with her master's in Business Communication in May 2022.



Sister Stephanie Bennett is a 2021 graduate of Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences (SAS), in New Brunswick. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Biology. She currently works as a Psychiatric Aide, at Buttonwood Behavioral Hospital, in Pemberton New Jersey. Her immediate plans are to earn a Master's Degree in Biomedical Science, and then apply to medical school to become a Psychiatrist.

Sister Stephanie was an active member of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for over 12 years—where she served in the Liturgical Dance, Youth Choir, and the Young Peoples' Department Ministries. While in high school, she was a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Epsilon Alpha Chapter Xinos. Her hobbies include fitness, traveling and spending time with close friends.

### **Miss Courtney Bennett**



Sister Courtney Bennett is a recent senior at Central Jersey College Prep Charter School (CJCP), where she graduated on June 24, 2021. She currently serves as First Vice President, of the Young Peoples' Department, of the A.M.E. Church New Jersey Annual Conference. For over ten years, she has been an active member of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church (New Brunswick, NJ), where she serves in the Liturgical Dance and Church School Ministries. Her hobbies include dancing and community service. She is also a student at Inspira Performing Arts and Cultural Center—focusing on Hip-Hop and Contemporary dance.

Sister Courtney served as Vice President of the CJCP's Black Student Union. And honorably for four years, she has been a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Xinos—where she holds the position of President.

In the Fall of 2021, Sister Courtney Bennett will attend Rutgers University (Newark Campus), and major in Finance.