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What would you like to tell us about your identity?

I'm a #DurhamNative, a DPS graduate, a Black woman, a millennial, and a marine scientist. I was born and raised in Durham, NC, and attended Creekside Elementary, Shepard IB Middle & Jordan High School. I received my B.S. in Marine Science and I am currently a Ph.D. at Duke University from Eckerd College in Florida. I am committed to using my experience, knowledge, the formal education I've been blessed to obtain and my love for my hometown to connect with and promote advocacy for Durham County.

What will be your Top 3 issues if elected?

Education

It is my responsibility to properly equip generations and communities with the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions on the management and conservation of Durham's natural resources. It's also my responsibility to listen to these same communities and learn from their perspectives on Durham's natural resources and how their relationships to them could be augmented. I will go about doing this, using the following guidelines; - Create programs to employ Durham Public Schools high school students on environmental restoration projects. - Partner with educators to 1) raise awareness of Soil & Water, our missions, and values, 2) ensure that local educators and our youth know about and have access to Soil & Water

education funds and 3) incorporate environmental conservation and AgScience into their yearly curriculum.

Economic Justice

Agriculture and agribusiness is the #1 industry in North Carolina and contributes billions to the state's economy. I will work to ensure that this continues and that marginalized communities know about the economic opportunities available to all in Agriculture. Simultaneously, I will advocate for; increased funding for financial assistance programs, such as the Agriculture Economic Development (AED) Grant and the expansions of Farm-to-Table programs, which bring locally grown food to local restaurants and businesses. Furthermore, I will work to build partnerships with Duke University, NCCU, DPS, and local businesses/organizations to develop and implement stream and stormwater restoration projects throughout the county.

Environmental Justice

Environmental racism is the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on people of Color. It is often called the 'forgotten' sector of social justice, as it is often left off of the list of social injustices that people of Color face (such as income inequality, education, health care, racial discriminations, etc.). However, I believe it is one of the most deadly injustices people of Color face, as there is a direct link between environmental condition and human health. I will work to: - Protect and conserve Durham's natural resources - Work with our communities, especially marginalized communities, to combat food insecurities and water pollution and prepare for extreme weather events. - Poor food and water = decrease in human health - Creating proactive solutions to prepare for extreme weather events. - Extreme weather events (e.g. heat waves) threaten our youth's ability to play outdoor sports - Proactive solutions: planting trees & restoring eroding creeks

How are you relaxing or having fun during quarantine?

During quarantine, I have been spending my time hanging with my family, watching my younger siblings and cousin make social media videos and binge watching new shows and movies on various streaming platforms. My family and I have been playing a bunch of games, like Monopoly, Mancala, UNO, Connect4, and air hockey. My younger cousins and my brother & sister have been keeping me amused with their social media stories. Of the movies and shows I've watched lately, Hamilton is my favorite so far.