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## December 9 - Investing in the next generation of engineers

*"I feel incredibly grateful for the scholarship and funding I received for my education, so starting my own scholarship is one of the ways I can give back. Starting this scholarship is my investment into this future generation of engineers."*

J'reyesha (Jay) Brannon '15 is a civil engineer working as a designer and project manager for the City of Portland within the Bureau of Environmental Services. She is also a leader in the Portland community as vice president of National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Portland Chapter and parade co-chair for Good in the Hood.

Jay treasured her time on The Bluff in the Shiley School of Engineering, which was 90% funded by scholarships. With gratitude for the support that she received to complete her own degree, she recently started her own



scholarship fund to support women of color studying engineering.

*"With all that is going on in the world, investing in and being hopeful about the next generation is something that made me want to start this scholarship."*

As a Black and Filipina woman engineer, Jay hopes to see more BIPOC women studying and working in STEM. Jay also recognizes the advantages of an engineering

education at the University of Portland.

"My grandfather graduated from UP in 1974 and my great aunt also attended UP for courses. She is a retired teacher in her 90's and lives in Texas now. She always tells me how beautiful she remembered the campus being. I tell her it is still that way."

Jay is thankful that UP was able to prepare her and other students to follow the path of leaders in their fields. She credits her UP education with helping her become a well-rounded engineer: "UP is unique that way. UP gave me a solid foundation in engineering, which is what is needed to get in the engineering field."

**Change can begin today, and it can begin with you.**

UP students are hardworking and bright. When they are given the gift of a supportive educational community, they, like Jay, can become thriving members of our society, empowered to pass the support they were given on to others.

This year, students are facing immense challenges. Your gift can help keep future engineers, teachers, nurses, and other Pilots on track.

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