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MORRIS, Minnesota (November 8, 2016)—Daeja Carson '17, Minneapolis, recently completed an internship at Park Avenue Church's Freedom School in South Minneapolis. She is one of 46 students to complete a paid off-campus internship through the University of Minnesota, Morris's Career In program since spring 2016.

Intern Profile

Name: Daeja Carson '17, Minneapolis

Major: elementary education

Internship site: Freedom School, Park Avenue Church, South Minneapolis

Lessons learned:

- The most important aspect of the classroom is building community and fun.
- Students should enjoy learning and be excited everyday coming to school.
- Students grew so much from the beginning of Freedom School to the end of the 8 weeks!

“This was an amazing experience because I was able to use some of the tools and skills I've learned from my classes at Morris to teach, facilitate, and manage my students in my Freedom School classroom.”

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