

# GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the  
University of Missouri

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More about Krista on  
the next page!

## ORGANIZATIONS AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS:

- Association of Black Psychologists Professional Association (ABPsi)
- Association for Black Graduate Students
- NASP Public Policy Internship
- Semi Finalist for Fulbright Fellowship
- National Kidney Foundation Government Relations Intern
- Post-bac Research Education Program Intern at the University of Massachusetts,

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

- Panelist for First Year Fellows at MU National Association for School Psychologist (NASP) to HBCU's and minorities students at the University of San Fransisco
- HBCU Recruitment fair at Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University
- Graduate Scholars of Excellence Mentor
- First Multicultural Chair for the Student Affiliates of School Psychology (SASP)
- Organization African American Subcommittee Core member (NASP)

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS?

I would tell other graduate and professional students to find their village! If they cannot get the support they need immediately in their program, there are always people who are willing to be a support and advocate for you.

## HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BETTER THE WORLD?

I want to better the world by being able to contribute and create equitable access to resources that will promote success for everyone, especially those who are underrepresented

Know a fantastic student who should be highlighted? Fill out this form:

<https://missouri.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/448219>

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT MIZZOU?

I like how there are many people at Mizzou who are interested in seeing the university grow and understand diversity issues. Their voices are louder than those who try to silence them.

## WHAT IS ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO YOUR STUDIES?

I love being able to project my experiences as a Black child into my research. This allows me to understand and empathize with my students.

## HIGHLIGHTED HONORS:

- Gus T. Ridgel Doctoral Fellowship
- Walter Scott Monroe Research Fellowship
- Graduate Professional Council Travel Scholarship Certificate of Award
- Outstanding Scholarly Contribution in Research