

## **The Soraya Amy Jackson Foundation Scholarship**

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### **First Year in Review**

My first year of University was one of the most eye opening experiences I have had to date. With help from the Soraya Amy Jackson Foundation Scholarship, I was able to register become a student of the University of the West Indies. Without their help, I would not be where I am today and for that, I Thank you.

Beginning University was a little nerve-racking as it was the longest I had ever been away from home. However I was determined to make the most of all situations and I have emerged from my first year in triumph. School was exciting and I really enjoyed learning the things I liked in Integrated Marketing Communication. Though there were a few rough times, there were also many good times. The first-hand experience and expertise provided by my new lectures and staff was incredible and help us as students to grasp information very well. I also became involved in numerous activities such as Leadership Clubs, the Peer Support Unit as well as participating in blood drives, sports day and career expos, which has all helped to enhance my education.

In addition to this, I started to live on the dormitory, Irvine Hall, in which I made numerous friends and individuals I can now refer to as family. The Hall's motto, 'Know Thyself', is a simple and powerful message. While I know my journey to know myself has just begun, I want to thank the Soraya Amy Jackson Foundation Scholarship for being there in the very beginning.