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Abstract

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Surge is a student blog at Gettysburg College where systemic issues of justice matter. Posts are originally published at surgegettysburg.wordpress.com. Through stories and reflection, these blog entries relate personal experiences to larger issues of equity, demonstrating that -isms are structural problems, not actions defined by individual prejudice. We intend to popularize justice, helping each other to recognize our biases and unlearn the untruths.

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[VERB] : to move suddenly or powerfully forward or upward

FEARLESS FRIDAY: ALEXA LABOY

October 13, 2017



In this week's edition of Fearless Friday, SURGE is honoring Alexa Laboy '18 for all of her impressive work in our campus community.

Alexa, who is from New York City, is majoring in Africana Studies and minoring in Sociology. She was honored as a Woman of Distinction at the 2nd Annual Women of Distinction Dinner during her junior year and works as a campus tour guide, a CUB Information Desk assistant, and a Community Advisor in the Residential Life Program. She is also the Vice President of the Latin American Students' Association (LASA), an active member of the Black Student Union (BSU), and served as a Diversity Peer Educator during her sophomore and junior years. Committed to building a more inclusive campus environment and always motivated to fight injustice, Alexa led the Immersion Project over winter break to Alabama and educated her peers about the Black Lives Matter and Civil Rights Movements.

Alexa believes that the motivation for all the work that she has done has always been her family, including her twenty nieces and nephews at home. As a first generation college student, she wants to be a good role model for them. Alexa believes that no matter who you are or where you come from, you can do anything. She has realized, especially after being one out of only two people of color who delivered a speech at the Experience Gettysburg Event, that by simply telling her own stories she has the power to stand up for marginalized voices and advocate

for minorities. In order to create change, says Alexa, you have to be willing to step out of your comfort zone and get involved with the experiences of others.

Having done so much work in the Gettysburg community, Alexa is ready to move on to a new environment for further growth. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a Masters in Criminology, with a focus on race. She is also considering two career options with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Alexa said she is excited to move on and start her transition from college to real life, but she will still keep in touch with the Gettysburg community by encouraging and motivating the undergraduates to continue to do great work and advocate for social justice.

Thank you for all your great work and good luck, Alexa!