

It didn't take Daushay Campbell long to figure out what she'll be doing after she graduates from Virginia State University in May.

Just a few months after wrapping up her internship at CHA over the summer, she was offered a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers, among the most prestigious auditing firms in the world. She'll be working in the Chicago tax office.

"As soon as I graduate, I'll start a couple of weeks later," she said. "There's no such thing as a summer vacation anymore."

Campbell grew up in Stateway Gardens, and her mother lived in the Harold Ickes Homes. She spent the summer doing her internship in the Office of the Inspector General. She worked in accounting, but got an education in investigations. It was interesting, she said, and it looks great on her resume.

"When I was interviewing for jobs, that's the first thing people would ask me, about the investigations," she said. "It was so interesting. It's a conversation-starter."

However, the CHA internship convinced her that her future was in audit, even though she is also curious about taxes now after taking classes at Virginia State.

Campbell graduated in the top 10 percent of Lindblom Math and Science Academy in 2013. She received a full scholarship to Virginia State and was a member of the National Honor Society. She has been among the top business accounting majors three years running while at Virginia State.

But as bright as she is, it hasn't been easy for Campbell. She has worked full-time and part-time jobs while going to school to make ends meet. She said she didn't want to put any more burden on her parents than necessary.

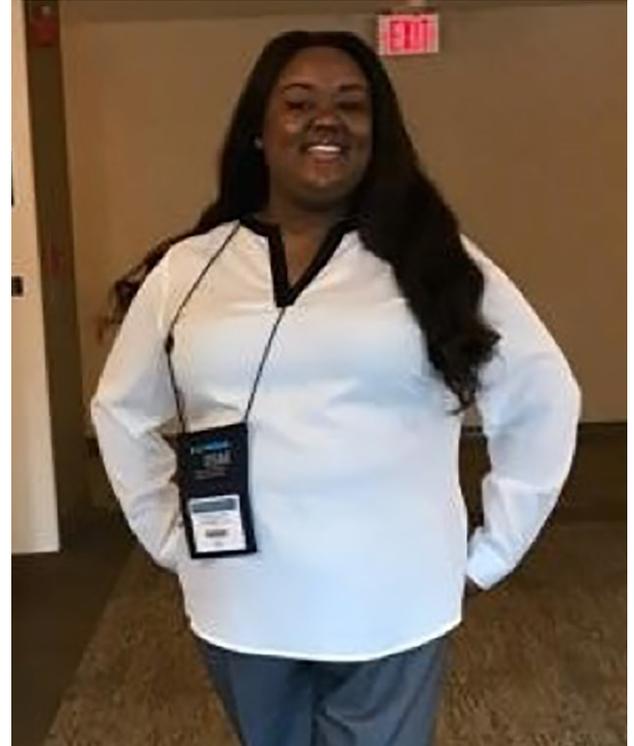
She is single-minded in her ambition, and that has always been the case.

"There have been challenges, but those are challenges that I couldn't dwell on," she said. "That's not what I needed to focus on."

Elissa Rhee Lee, the Inspector General at CHA who oversaw Campbell's internship, said: "Daushey is an extremely focused and intelligent young adult. I was and am impressed with her work ethic. She was truly part of the OIG team over the summer. We should all keep an eye on her. No doubt she will be very successful in her endeavors. The OIG team is very proud of her."

Campbell's advice for public housing residents looking to make a name for themselves?

"Don't be afraid to go outside of the box," she said. "Most importantly, always follow your dreams. Whatever you think you can do - you can do!"



*Daushay Campbell is a prospective college grad at Virginia State University who completed a CHA internship this past summer and will be employed at PricewaterhouseCoopers following her graduation in May 2017.*