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Resident Spotlight: LaTreva Owodele

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LaTreva Owodele was a pre-med student a few years ago when she took a film class and promptly switched her major to filmmaking. She then signed up for the CHA's "Become a Filmmaker" program that bolstered her interest – and her life. This is her third and final year with Become a Filmmaker, where she now serves as a mentor to the younger students.

"The Become a Filmmaker program has helped me with becoming more confident and outspoken and now, being a mentor, it's even more important because I'm trying to impart what I've learned to other people," she said.

The award-winning **Become a Filmmaker** program, in collaboration with DePaul University's School of Cinematic Arts, is for female-identifying youth ages 15-20 and teaches every step of filmmaking.

"For some reason, I hadn't considered film before, even though I am an avid movie-watcher," Owodele said. "I'd always get access to pre-screenings and thought about being a movie reviewer. I didn't have the confidence then. I took the film class and it just felt right. Then I took the Become a Filmmaker class and it felt even more right."

Owodele is writing a sitcom comedy as part of her film school application. Her dream is to be a writer/director.