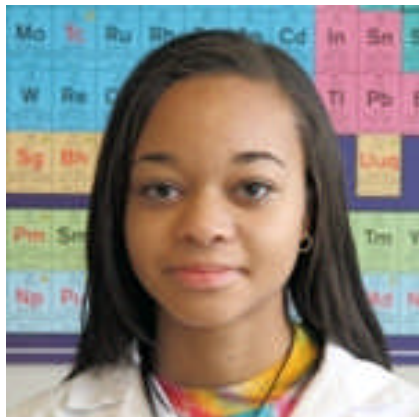


ECOTEK Student to Attend PAVE Program at Vanderbilt University



Students in ECOTEK Lab have big dreams and lofty goals. Some want to grow up to be an astronaut like Mae Jemison, while others have aspirations of becoming a neurologist like Ben Carson. Regardless of their background, student scientists in ECOTEK Lab know that it is the place where their dreams can take flight.

Janay Johnson, a 11th grader at Grand Blanc High School in Grand Blanc, Michigan, and a senior student scientist in ECOTEK Lab, will be attending the pre-college PAVE program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. While there, she will be working with research staff to hone her skills in biomedicine. Janay plans to major in pre-medical studies in college, with a career goal of entering obstetrics-gynecology. While in ECOTEK Lab Janay has done research on cardiovascular disease as well as

regenerative medicine using stem cells. She has also presented her work at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

Janay has special gifts that enable her to take on multiple projects. She is currently working on growing cardiovascular stem cells that can be used to treat hypoplastic left heart syndrome, while at the same time, developing forensic experiments for an upcoming visit to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. What's more, she is participating in several academic competitions to enhance her understanding of medicine (i.e. Michigan Society for Medical Research Essay Contest, International Brain Bee, Junior Science and Humanities Symposia).

About the Ecotek Science Program

Ecotek is a science research lab program for young inventors and researchers in grades 5 thru 12. Student scientists work on projects aligned with the issues being addressed by world leaders at the United Nations. The goal of the ECOTEK experience is to help students better understand the role that science plays in solving global problems and shaping international policy.

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