

A Bit of Me

This series of profiles on SUNY Broome community members is a part of the Student Village diversity calendar initiative. We will be highlighting members in our community who identify with or can speak on the diversity theme or topic for each month. The theme for October is LGBTQ+ pride and the topic is cultural appropriation. To be featured in this series please reach out to Pamela Alvarez or Alexandria Donkor.

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Background: I am Destaysia Danae Wallace Davis. I am studying for my bachelor's degree in healthcare management at SUNY Cortland. I am from Brooklyn, New York.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE NEVER CHANGES?

Something I hope never changes is how African American people fight for what they deserve. I hope they always have the power to see how we should be treated and to never give up!

WHAT SONGS HAVE YOU COMPLETELY MEMORIZED?

Andrea Day – I'll Rise Up
Justin Skye – I'm Yours
Megan The Stallion – Don't Stop
Beyoncé – Already

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT CAN INSTANTLY MAKE YOUR DAY BETTER?

If I am feeling down or having a bad day something that can make my day better is food, online shopping or just taking a walk to cry and clear my head.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE FROM A TV SHOW/MOVIE/BOOK?

My favorite quote comes from my girlfriend when I was struggling in school and she gave me the courage to

keep going. "She believed she could so she did". I love this quote because I know when I believe in myself I can accomplish whatever I put my mind to.

IF YOU COULD HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP YOU, WOULD IT BE WITH CLEANING, COOKING, OR YARD WORK? WHY?

I would hire someone to do yard work because I'm not an outdoors type of girl but I would love for my yard to be as best as it can be. So, I would hire someone to make my vision come to life.

WHAT DOES LGBTQ+ PRIDE MEAN TO YOU?

LGBTQ+: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer the "+" is to include the other identities of the community. LGBTQ+ means a community of all types of individuals who are different in their sexual preferences. It is a community for us to feel safe and to be our true selves and to learn and connect from all the different sexualities. It is a community where you can be truly YOU!

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY?

It is important to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community because it is a time to express yourself, to be free, and to be around individuals who share something with you. It is a time where we all come together and show everyone this is who we are and we will not be shamed or hide any longer. It is time for the LGBTQ+ community to come together and celebrate the happiness we feel by being our true selves.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WISH MORE PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY?

That we are normal people! There is no reason you should feel uncomfortable around your friend or family member because they came out. Treat the individual the same, it is already hard enough to come out. Also, don't tell a person who just came out that "IT IS A PHASE" this is the worst thing you can say.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT FEEL PROUD OF THEIR DIFFERENT IDENTITIES?

Be you because you only get one life and you don't want to find yourself pretending to be someone you are not. No matter what live your truth because the people

