

My name is La Shaja Johnson and I am 23 years old. My family is originally from Hopkins Park, Illinois. My grandmother had 9 children, so I come from a big family. My parents are Lashonda and Victor Rogers, and together they have 4 children. I have an older sister Anyia who's 22 years old, 2 younger sisters Lashya who is 19 and Aleyah who is 4 years old. I also have a set of 17 year old twin brothers Alan and Victor. We originally lived in Hopkins Park then years later moved to Bensenville.

As a nursing student there is little free time to enjoy things outside of school. However, I try to make time for things that I am passionate about. I am a part of the Student Nurses Association through my college and we give back to the community through volunteer work. On Wednesdays I volunteer at the public library, where we host activities for children in the community and certain demographics in Karibales. We also are involved in the food drives at Saint Mary's hospital. I am not affiliated with a church, however my mentor Kim Perrellton keeps me connected to GOD through her lessons. I am also a member in the sister-to-sister ministry group where women of the church give daily lessons to the group.

I currently attend Karibales Community College pursuing an applied science degree in registered nursing. My planned graduation date will be May 2024. After I graduate from KCC, I will attend Capella University to receive my bachelors degree within 12 weeks. As of right now, I am still in search of the right organization to pursue my masters degree. I would like to be a pediatric nurse but more importantly a labor and delivery nurse. The death rate of Black women who die giving birth and post childbirth is 2.6 times the rate of any other race. My goal is to be that nurse who helps lower that rate and influence other health care professionals to do the same. Some years later I would also like to become a nursing professor. As I complete nursing school I see that many of the professors make it difficult to be successful in nursing school, especially to