

Hearing for those Who Can't

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For Rasheeda Grant, helping others is as fundamental as breathing.

“Milton Hershey School showed me the importance of giving back, and I believe we have an obligation to help each other as much as possible.” True to her word, Rasheeda is dedicating her life, professionally and personally to fulfilling that mission.



Currently, she is studying to be a Television Captioner for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, because she feels that helping people communicate and share information is important. Accuracy and meticulousness are essential skill sets for this profession, skills she learned at MHS. She also credits the school with giving her the confidence to succeed in her chosen profession.

Attending MHS gave her the stability and structure to cultivate her talents and foster her many interests. She learned how to be independent, use resources to her advantage, to set high goals and achieve them. For example, before MHS, Rasheeda planned on attending college. With the support and encouragement from teachers and mentors at MHS, she pursued it. She attended Ithaca College, where she graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration (Finance concentration) and International Business, with minors in Computer Information Systems and Spanish.

Rasheeda was also inspired by Milton Hershey's philanthropy and took every opportunity to volunteer for her community and various causes. She is an active participant in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, the American Diabetes Walk, and through a local volunteer organization (NYCares) she spends her time doing various community service activities such as visiting nursing homes, senior centers and rehab centers, and reading to children. She tutors underprivileged children for the SAT college entrance exam.

In recognition of her tireless dedication to helping others, she received the 2009 Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service. Most importantly, Rasheeda is routinely impacting hundreds of people during the normal course of her volunteer activities.