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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Greetings! My name is Dr. Lataisia Jones and when I was in college, I traveled to Ghana to teach students science and math. When I introduced myself to the class, the students were shocked. They never met an African American female scientist before. They were even more excited about how I implemented fun tools to help them learn the science lessons. I realized that I wanted to do this for the rest of my life and the best way to do that was for me to earn a Ph.D. and continue my scientific training. When I went back to the United States, I applied to Ph.D. programs. Fast forward five years later, I graduated as the first African American to earn a Ph.D. within the biomedical sciences department at Florida State University. I used that moment in Ghana to inspire me and motivate me to be the best person I can be as an African American women, as a scientist and as Dr. Lataisia Cherie' Jones. Now, it's your turn!

[Video Statement](#)

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Lataisia Jones is the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Florida State University. She also holds a B.S. and M.S. from Virginia State University. As a scientist, she knows how to answer complicated health science questions. She has spent countless years studying cellular division, diabetes and brain development to understand diseases that affect kids. Dr. Jones has presented her research in over twenty meetings. She's also taught middle school students in Ghana; inspiring her to find other ways to impact the youth. Throughout the year, she teaches science at local schools. Recently, Dr. Jones started a program called Young Scientist Wednesdays where she uses fun activities like sculpting and DNA extraction to teach science to kids at Children's National Hospital. Due to her accomplishments, Dr. Jones has received multiple awards, including recognition as a "2020 Local Legend of Hampton Roads", featured in Black G.O.A.L.S. Calendar and Magazine, and chosen to be an AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador.

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