How did your internship opportunity happen?
This amazing opportunity grew from a visit to the Rotunda in Madison, WI. My Stem Cell Research Team and Instructor Professor Ofule did a presentation on differentiated cells. This was a unique experience for me; it was the first encounter with Senator Taylor’s Office. I met with a member of her Constituents Relations Staff and he gave me a tour of the office and we discussed my career path...that led to this internship.

How does the internship complement your academic goals?
My degree in Political Science does not require an internship. However, this experience will help me stand out when applying for law school.

What types of skills are you learning?
This experience has allowed me to use the knowledge that I have learned in classroom and apply it to the senate office. I have learned the key essence of evaluating a bill, creating or being the co-author of a policy, importance of education outreach programs and the importance to listen to your constituents.

What has been the best part of this experience?
The best memorable and best part of my experience this summer was on the Fourth of July. The Senator reserved a TROLLEY and we walked in four different Independence Day Parades. We passed out candy, popsicles, and flyers. This was just a priceless experience to witness the smiles on their faces.

How are you spending your days?
My days are spent working in both the District Senate Office in Milwaukee and traveling to the Capitol in Madison. I am working on outreach programs for our constituents, education programs, assisting the Senator with addressing constituents’ relations concerns, and staffing the senator at events.

Lakisha Clinton
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“This experience has given me a better understanding of the important role local senators play in the political world.” - Clinton

Lakisha’s aha moment:
“I have seen first-hand the importance of senators reaching out to the community!”

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