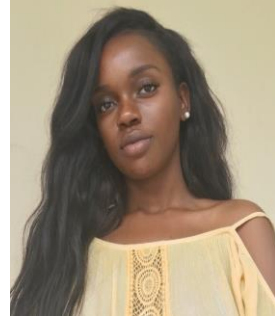


Student Contributing to

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

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## Medjine Presendieu Balances College and Community Obligations

“It makes you feel like you’re doing something right.”

Those are the words of Medjine Presendieu, a junior in the nursing program at Barry University.

Presendieu recalls her freshman year, when she first saw the opportunity to serve as a tutor at W. J. Bryan Elementary School. When she encountered the CCSI work-study opportunity, she declared, “I had to do it.”

Two years after her declaration, Presendieu is now a familiar figure in the classrooms at the North Miami School, and her dedication to impacting the community is still strong. Balancing her college and community obligations is not easy, she says, but seeing the children progress keeps her motivated.

She says statements like “Oh my ..., we miss you!” and “We want you to come all the time” make going to W. J. Bryan a little easier, on even the hardest days.



*Medjine Presendieu serves as a tutor at W. J. Bryan Elementary School in North Miami, where she has motivated children to excel.*

Children at risk of being held back are comfortably moving to the higher grades. Stories of children unable to read and of a child just coming from Haiti unable to keep up, but now excelling in the fifth grade, are common, according to Presendieu.

She says, “If you want this experience, you want to see these kids look up to you, you want to make an impact on someone’s life, then you definitely have to be a part of this.”

And if you need extra motivation, Presendieu has a question for you: “Think about yourself, when you were younger – Did anyone help or motivate you?”

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