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I chose Chicago State University for its strong Business Management program and proximity to my home and job . I was re-entering college as an adult and mother during that time , and the College of Business professors and administrators, as well as those in the Career Center, nurtured, encouraged and prepared me for leadership. While business classes offered an opportunity to hone my technical skills, I also cultivated soft skills that have enabled me to thrive in my career. My CSU mentors, Ms. Sherry Daniels, Mr. Ken Calvin, Mr. Abdul Mahdi, Dr. Eddie Sanders, Dr. Lydia McKinley-Floyd, and Dr. Louis Osuji comprised my personal "Board of Directors." I wouldn't be where I am if they hadn't taken me under their wings.



“Take any opportunity that will expose you to your desired new world.”

My favorite memory occurred during my senior year in one of our Management courses. The College of Business partnered with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to provide students with internships, through which we worked as consulting teams for local businesses. Our final grades in the course relied on our performance as intern consultants. I remember being asked by my professor, Dr. Eddie Sanders, to lead my five-member team to create a feasibility study and business plan for the Children's Developmental Institute. I remember the positive impact we made on the business, the challenges we overcame as a team, and that final business plan presentation that we had stressed over. We presented our hard work to other student teams, College of Business faculty, and all the business owners involved. In the end, we were told that my team's presentation was the best they'd seen. It was such a fantastic feeling!