

Jazmin Goodwin Biography

Jazmin Goodwin is from Columbia, South Carolina and is an alumna of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative, a federally-funded program designed to increase the number of students from low-income schools who are prepared to enter and succeed in higher education. She is currently a junior at Howard University in Washington, DC. Her passion for writing and storytelling led her to major in Media, Journalism, and Film at Howard. This year, Jazmin is enrolled at Columbia University (NY) as part of a domestic student exchange program and plans to graduate from Howard University with her bachelor's in May, 2018. In addition to being a full-time student, Jazmin launched her own business, COZY GIRLZ.

As a member of the 2015-2016 GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy, Jazmin participated in leadership training and provided 10 hours each month to community service in support of GEAR UP locally and nationally. In addition to her work with GEAR UP, she stays involved in Pretty Girls Sweat, an initiative encouraging young women to be active; she is involved with Black Girls CODE DC and has visited college campuses throughout the U.S. for "hackathons" encouraging young women to code and become involved in technology; and she was invited to participate in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* journalism workshop.

Jazmin currently serves as The Huffington Post's Campus Editor-At-Large for Howard University, formerly served as senior campus editor and staff writer for the campus newspaper (The Hilltop), a web content writer for the college radio station website (WHBC963HD3.com), and an on-air intern at the university radio network (WHUR 96.3 FM). She also wrote for USA TODAY College, was a social media intern at HerAgenda.com, and was an intern at the Institute for Women's Policy Research for the development and communications team. In preparation for law school after graduation, she completed a legal internship at King's County Civil Court (NY) and was a member of the Ronald H. Brown Pre-Law Prep Program for College Students at St. John's University.

To finance her postsecondary education, Jazmin has received a number of prestigious scholarships. In 2016, she was named a White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship recipient and attended the White House Correspondents' dinner. Other scholarships she received for her work in community service include the Hester Beall Provinsen and Jean C. Miller Scholarship (2016), Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. scholarship (2016), the Alain Locke Award (2015), and NYU's Balsa High School Scholastic Excellence Scholarship (2014). Her most recent award was The Los Angeles Times Mirror Scholarship.

Jazmin attended Ridge View High School in Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated in 2014 and was selected as her high school graduation speaker.