

## Vernell L. Allen

### Home

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### Mississippi State University

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**ACT Composite:** 26

**GPA:** 3.9

### Education

- Mississippi State University, Theatre Major, August 2017 - Present
- Mississippi School of the Arts, Literary Arts Major, Diploma and Graduation: May 20, 2016, Special Honors, Brookhaven, MS, 2014 – 2016
  - A state, residential high school for artistically gifted juniors and seniors
- Brookhaven High School, Brookhaven, MS, 2012 – 2014

### Awards and Honors

- Silver Key, MS Scholastic Writing Awards, Portfolio, “Self-Examination,” 2016
- Silver Key, MS Scholastic Writing Awards, Poetry, “Colorblind,” 2016
- Presidential Awards, MSA, 2016
- McMullan Young Writer’s Workshop, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, 2015
- MOST Conference, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, 2015
- Apex Leadership Summit, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, 2015
- Silver Key, MS Scholastic Writing Awards, Memoir, “Metamorphosis,” 2015
- Highest Average, Engineering I, BHS, 2014
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, National Speech & Debate Competition, Declamation, BHS, 2014
- Technological Students Association, BHS, 2014
- 4th Place, NSDC, Duo Interpretation, BHS 2014
- Placed in top 30% in MS Math & Science Competition, 2014
- Award of Excellence in Theatre, Best Actor, BHS 2013
- Citizenship Award, BHS 2013
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, “Poetry Out Loud” Recitation Competition, BHS, 2013 Place, Math Counts Competition, BHS 2013
- Leadership Award, BHS, 2012
- Honor Roll, 2005 – 2016

## **Organizations and Activities**

- Spotlight, cameraman and production assistant, Howard University, 2016 - Present
- Chapel Assistant, team member, Howard University, 2016 - Present
- University Choir, Bass singer, Howard University, 2016 - Present
- Mock Trial Team, Attorney, Howard University, 2016 - Present
- Student Government Association, Literary Representative, MSA, 2014 – 2016
- Total Praise, MSA student choir organization, 2014 – 2016
- BETA Club, MSA, 2014 – 2015
- Debate Team, Captain, BHS, 2012 -- 2014
- National Speech and Debate Association, BHS, 2012 – 2014
- Tutoring, MSA, 2013 – 2014
- Church Youth Group, Pathfinders, 2011 – 2012

## **Publications**

- “Happy Thoughts,” Short Story, in *The Phoenix*, MSA’s Literary Magazine, 2016
- “Nirvana,” Poem, in *The Phoenix*, 2016
- “Colorblind,” Poem, in *The Phoenix*, 2016
- “Good Morning,” Poem, in *The Phoenix*, 2015
- “The Message,” Poem, in *The Phoenix*, 2015

## **Presentations**

- Senior Literary Showcase with Aerial Adams, “New Beginnings, MSA, 2016

## **Performances**

- Mississippi Theatre Association Competition, props and crew, Paper Thin, 2018
- Starkville Community Theatre, props and crew, To Kill a Mockingbird, 2017
- Vocal performances, Mississippi State Singers, 2017 - Present
- Vocal performance, MSA Choral, *Requiem for the Living*, Carnegie Hall, 2016
- MSA’s Understudy Spring Theatre Production, Fuente Ovejuna, 2015
- MSA’s Spring Dance Concert, 2015
- MSA’s Got Talent, Host, 2015
- Veteran’s Day choir performance, MSA, 2015
- Vocal performances, MSA Choral, 2014 – 2016
- Vocal performances, BHS Brookway Blvd. Singers, Brookhaven High School 2011 – 2014

- Coffee House, MSA, 2014 – 2016

### **Community Service**

- Tutoring and bonding, Boys & Girls Club, 2017
- Photographer, ALS Association annual marathon, 2016
- Photographer and Videographer, ACT workshop, 2016
- Brookhaven Animal Rescue League, 2011 – 2016
- Artoberfest, MSA's annual haunted house for the Brookhaven community, 2014
- Berean Children's home Christmas party, BETA Club, MSA, 2014
- Volunteering at soup kitchen, 2013
- Bible Studies for children in the community, 2012
- Volunteer, Haven Hall Health Care Center, nursing home, 2012 – 2014
- Volunteer, Lincoln Residential Center, Nursing home, 2012 – 2014
- Volunteering at Mamie Martin Elementary School, Fun Day Activity organizer 2011 – 2014

### **Employment**

- Photographer & Videographer, Client, Mississippi State University, 2017
- Production Assistant/runner, NAACP, Baltimore Convention Center, 2017
- Digital Media Intern, Digital Conventions, Washington Convention Center, 2016 - 2017
- Carpentry assistant, Remodeling/Painting houses and churches, 2014 – 2015

### **Skills**

- Proficient in Writing
- Proficient in Videography
- Proficient in Photography
- Proficient in Carpentry
- Proficient in Microsoft Word
- Proficient in Microsoft PowerPoint
- Proficient in Computer- aided drafting and designing
- Proficient in Computer programming
- Proficient in Robotics Engineering
- Proficient in Publishing and Presentation

- Great communication and leadership ability