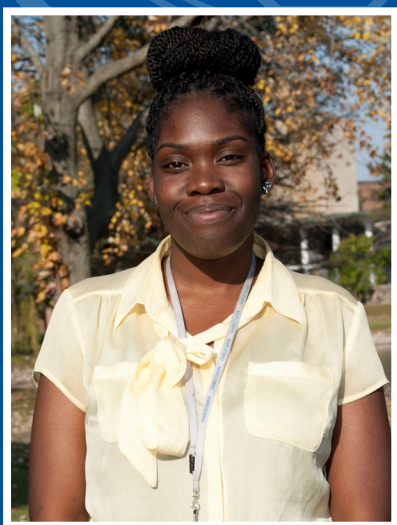


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Keysha Barnes '13 (gerontology)

was not sure if aging studies was the right major for her. Originally, she planned to study clinical lab science, but after researching gerontology and meeting with Sue Anne Sweeney, professor and director of Madonna's aging studies program, Barnes was amazed at what was available to older adults. "With my background in aging, I feel like I'm one step ahead of some of the people I work with," she said. A care transitions coach for The Senior Alliance-Area Agency on Aging

1-C, a nonprofit organization, Barnes works to educate older adults, with disabilities, about what resources are available to them. She also helps empower them with knowledge about their illness. Her Madonna education has made a tremendous impact on her life, by preparing her to be professional and to handle certain situations. "I like aging studies because I get to use it every day at work. It was my calling because the people I come across know I'm here for them and their families. It is not just a job to me," she said. Currently Barnes is working on a master's degree in management.



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