

Charles Ross – Class of 2016

Talk a little about your college experience:

I went to Allegheny College where I graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Community and Justice Studies with a focus in multicultural education. I also double minored in Educational Studies and Theater. What I most enjoyed about Allegheny was that it was a small school that allowed me to be active on campus, play football for all four years, and thrive as a student. In addition, I enjoyed the family atmosphere that I experienced during my time there and the extended family I gained through the rich alumni association.

What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

Currently, I am an American Studies Ph.D. student at Washington State University. In addition, to my coursework and research, I serve as the Smart Start Program Retention Counselor. The Smart Start Program is a program through the Multicultural Student Services Office that works to support first-generation college students.

What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In my free time, I enjoy spending time outside and exploring nature especially since I am in beautiful Pullman, Washington. Also, I enjoy reading historical biographies and listening to hip-hop music.

How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

The pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service are the tenants that I try to live my life by still to this day. And, as I mature and grow up I am constantly realizing how important faith is especially with everything going on in the world. Having faith is more important more than ever. I think if you have faith then things like studying, leading, or serving become easier because you have something guiding you. Moreover, let go, and let God.

What are you passionate about?

My passions, for now, are all in education because of my experiences as SJCA, Allegheny, and now at WSU I have seen the value of education and what it can do for folks.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

My Favorite quote is "Education must not simply teach work- it must teach life". -W. E. B. Dubois

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"

**Charles holding his
senior thesis after
successfully
defending it.**

