

# MAKE THE *Difference* The Campaign for Douglass: Innovative Education, Women's Leadership

Throughout *The Campaign for Douglass* students and alumnae have been sharing how Douglass makes a difference in their lives. December 2014, will mark the completion of the Campaign.

We seek to do what Douglass women are known for – exceed expectations and surpass our Campaign goal! Douglass tomorrow will be stronger with your support today. Visit [www.campaignfordouglass.org](http://www.campaignfordouglass.org) to learn more about how you can participate.



MONICA

Monica Torres '17

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To be a DOUGLASS WOMAN means...  
BEING EMPOWERED TO BE YOURSELF

**Monica's Story:** High school prepares you for college academics, but the college environment is so different. Douglass takes extra steps to support you and give you a Peer Academic Leader you can go to and say, "I'm really having trouble with this paper," and they'll help.

I'm leaning toward English or Latino studies for my major and thinking about going into politics or government. Outside of the classroom is where I really shine. As Katzenbach Hall president, I've increased resident awareness of security. Through EOPSA, I'm representing student needs to the administration. I'm learning to lead.

An AADC externship gave me the chance to shadow an alumna at her marketing firm, connecting things I learn in the classroom with things people do in real life. It's one thing to hear about successful women, but through Douglass and the AADC, I can see firsthand what they're doing.

## BECOMING A LEADER & ACHIEVING AT DOUGLASS

By Sharon Hazard '99

Elizabeth Davis, "Liz," as she likes to be called, is a member of the Class of 2015 and a nursing major. When asked about how she decided to attend Douglass, Davis said, "When I saw the Douglass campus, I could picture myself there and I began paying attention to all it had to offer and decided to apply." Douglass turned out to be everything she expected and more, "It is like a second family," she added.

Liz originally applied to the small and very selective nursing program, but did not get in at first, but through hard work and good grades, she was able to transfer in her sophomore year. She credits the support of living in the Bunting Cobb Residence Hall, having motivated roommates and also her involvement with the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College's Students Today, Alumnae Tomorrow (STAT) Study Breaks. The three Douglass seniors met at freshman orientation and have been rooming together since. At Study Breaks, Liz

**The Campaign for Douglass will help secure a dynamic and vibrant undergraduate experience for the next generation of Douglass women. Gifts to the Campaign benefit the leadership training and programs that allow students to practice leadership.**

met Douglass alumnae whose support and encouragement was a boost during exam time, as well as the camaraderie with other students stopping by the Ruth Schilling Hennessy Alumnae Center for the breaks.

At Douglass, Liz learned how to push beyond her comfort zone. She has gained leadership experience serving on campus groups. She serves as a Red Pine Ambassador, a summer orientation leader, special events chair, on the Dean's Advisory Council and is a member of the Nursing Students Club.

She also served as a panelist for the Douglass Student Panel held on Saturday afternoon for alumnae during Reunion 2014 at the Douglass College Center.



Elizabeth Davis '15, right, and roommate Kristen Della Sala '15, at a recent Students Today, Alumnae Tomorrow Study Break at the Alumnae Center.

Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse. Scholarship support administered by the AADC has provided important financial assistance to Liz as she reaches for this goal. She received the *Lillian S. Dunlop Scholarship* in 2013-14 and the *Doris Squarey Warner Scholarship* the previous year. Lillian Dunlop was a member of the Class of 1922 whose generous bequest has provided scholarships for Douglass women since 1997. Liz just completed a Nurse Externship at Jersey Shore University Medical Center near her hometown of Neptune, and did research with a professor over the summer. During the school year, in addition to class lectures, she does her clinical studies at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Saint Peter's University Hospital. When asked if there was a teacher that inspired her to take this path, without a second thought, she said, "Dr. Margaret Quinn. I took three of her classes and much of my academic success and career choice, I owe to her."

Liz said, "It is surreal that I am a senior." She added, "Wasn't I just a freshman?"

According to Liz, the years have gone by quickly, largely because of her very busy clinical nursing and classroom routine as well as her leadership involvement. With graduation just ahead next spring, she looks back on the last three years at Douglass and says, "I'm glad I made the choice and am very happy that through the small and supportive atmosphere I have come to love Douglass."

Special thanks to Sharon Hazard '99 for sharing her talents. She graduated with a degree in journalism and has been writing works of non-fiction ever since. She also writes a blog about history called *The Gang from West End*. Her forthcoming book on Catholics in New York will be published next year.



DONNA

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Community Volunteer

To be a DOUGLASS WOMAN means...  
FINDING YOUR INNER STRENGTH AND  
REALIZING YOU ARE PREPARED  
FOR ANYTHING.

**Donna's Story:** The beauty of being a Douglass woman is that you come out of your shell and gain confidence that stays with you forever. After graduation, I moved to New York City and became a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue and Lord & Taylor, and worked for Etienne Aigner. Along the way, I had two daughters. Then my house burned down, and I spent the next three years rebuilding.

Since then, I've been a "professional volunteer" in my daughters' all-girl schools, on the preschool board for my church, and for Reach Prep, an organization that helps minority students academically prepare for private schools.

Every year, I give to the Douglass Annual Fund because I still remember the financial struggle of college. We all know education doesn't get as much funding as it should, and I want to make sure women today have the same opportunities to grow at Douglass. I didn't realize it at the time, but now I know that, thanks to Douglass, I can do anything.