

# STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

“STUDENT TUTORS AND SHARES LESSONS FROM LIFE AND SCHOOL”

Helping others just seems to come naturally to Tiffany Ford. It’s something that was instilled in her by the grandparents who raised her.

Ford, an accounting student in the associate’s degree program at Brown Mackie College — North Canton, began tutoring math and science to underprivileged students in East Cleveland, Ohio when she was 16 years old. The tutoring was part of a mentoring program run through Cleveland State University. Ford then won the Bonner Community Service Scholar Award to attend Spellman College in Atlanta, where she majored in chemistry. While in Atlanta, Ford participated in a mentoring program in West Atlanta, Georgia for gifted African-American students, where she assisted professors with math and science experiments.

When her grandmother became seriously ill, Ford left Spellman College and moved back to Ohio. She knew she wanted to continue her education, but she also needed to work. Ford enrolled at Brown Mackie College — North Canton and began taking evening classes to earn her associate’s degree in Accounting.

“I needed a college that would fit in with my work schedule, and BMC — North Canton was the right choice for me,” says Ford. “I also liked that taking classes there would improve my interpersonal skills,

reinforce my writing skills, and give me the skills I would need in my career.”

Although she continues to attend classes and work two part-time jobs, Ford still finds time to tutor students.

“It’s all about setting your priorities and doing what you think is most important,” explains Ford. “Right now, I am concentrating on finishing school, working, and doing what gives me a lot of satisfaction — helping students. Volunteering is just a part of my life.”



*Tiffany Ford enjoys tutoring math and science to area students.*

Ford has less than a year to go to earn her degree. After she graduates, she plans to work and eventually continue her education. Her goals include working in education on some level, or employment as a liaison for a community service organization. In either case, she wants to continue working with children. And the flexible class schedule offered by Brown Mackie College — North Canton allows Ford to pursue her career aspirations and continue tutoring area school children.

“I want to not only help students learn math and science, but also be a positive influence in their lives and even teach them some of life’s lessons,” says Ford.

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