African American Studies

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Awaly is a Paterno Fellow majoring in African American Studies and Sociology.

She is the executive director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Student Committee, which organizes MLK Jr. Commemoration Week each year with a goal of bringing Dr. King’s legacy to the forefront of people’s minds. Awaly’s experiences at Penn State ring true to the goal of the committee. Born and raised in Philadelphia, she is a first-generation college student and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As a Schreyer Scholar, she researches the history of racial violence and the connection it has with police brutality today. Awaly credits the mentorship of two professors with helping to define her path as a social justice advocate, while providing unequivocal support to her hopes and dreams.

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