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AMSC Alumna Lands Dream Job Helping Others

Atlanta (July 11) – “Access to child care should not hinder students from pursuing their goals,” said 2015 Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) graduate Yeme Thomas on a recent visit back to campus. As a student at AMSC, Thomas worked a full-time job while raising her child. She struggled but endured. She received support from faculty and staff, as well as from her mother and twin sister who also attended AMSC at the same time. She wants to advocate on behalf of other single mothers who are pursuing a college education.

Thomas is an advocate for expanding the Georgia law regarding childcare affordability and accessibility and wants to help make it a legislative priority for the Georgia General Assembly. Currently, those pursuing a two- or four-year degree are not eligible for Georgia’s childcare subsidy while they are in school.

Thomas works as an organizer at The New Georgia Project, a non-partisan effort to register and civically engage Georgia’s rising electorate. She calls this job her dream job. The job marries her passions: education, helping single mothers, and immigrants. She is a first-generation American. Her family is from Sierra Leone in west Africa. Her hope is to teach single mothers and immigrant communities that education is the key to elevating themselves and to upward mobility.

She earned her associate degree in teacher education with a minor in history from AMSC in 2015. While at AMSC, she found the institution to be a great place for nontraditional students with helpful professors which laid an excellent foundation for her future endeavors. She said, “I came from AMSC. At the time, I didn’t realize the doors that could be opened by attending this school.”



About Atlanta Metropolitan State College:

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Many doors have now opened for the Trailblazer. In December 2017, she made history by becoming the first graduate with a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from the University of West Georgia. She intends to pursue a master's of public administration or a juris doctorate.

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