

Local grad lands Deloitte internship

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Recent college graduate and Lancaster native Alicia Jones is leaving her job as an accounting specialist for the city of Lancaster, after just two and a half months, for the Stride internship with Deloitte.

Jones said she hopes to come back in five to 10 years and work for the city's finance department again.

"My goal is to come back and hopefully being finance director or whatever other position is possibly open in the finance department," she said.

Deloitte is a financial company that provides audit and assurance, tax consulting and risk and financial advisory services to some of the largest corporations and governmental organizations, according to its website. It has more than 100,000 staff members.

The Stride internship, through the Wake Forest University School of Business, is a program sponsored by Deloitte, with the goal of helping interns study for and take the CPA (certified public accountant) exam. It started June 1.

Jones said she knew about the internship program when she applied for the city job, but had no idea if she could get it. Jones said she gained incredible mentoring from the city staff, even in her short time there.

"Coming into it, I wasn't exactly sure what the processes were, in terms of how it ran for the city, but I just I fell in love with it," she said.

Jones worked in accounts payable, working with all city departments, printing their checks and making sure their vendors were paid on time.

She has officially accepted a full-time position with Deloitte in the Raleigh, N.C., office after the internship program and her CPA exams.

I'm just grateful to have had the opportunities I've had and to be able to represent the city, currently at Wake Forest," Jones said. "I'll be working for the No. 1 accounting firm in the country, so being a part of a Big Four accounting firm, I just never dreamed that I would have this kind of opportunity."

Jones was also a first-generation college student, graduating from Wofford College in 2022, and hopes she can be an inspiration to younger generations to keep following their dreams.

Born and raised in Lancaster County, Jones lived near Heath Springs. She attended McDonald Green Elementary and South Middle schools and graduated from Lancaster High School in 2018. She was also an intern for multiple different city organizations and active in community service and a proud member of Mount Nebo Baptist Church.

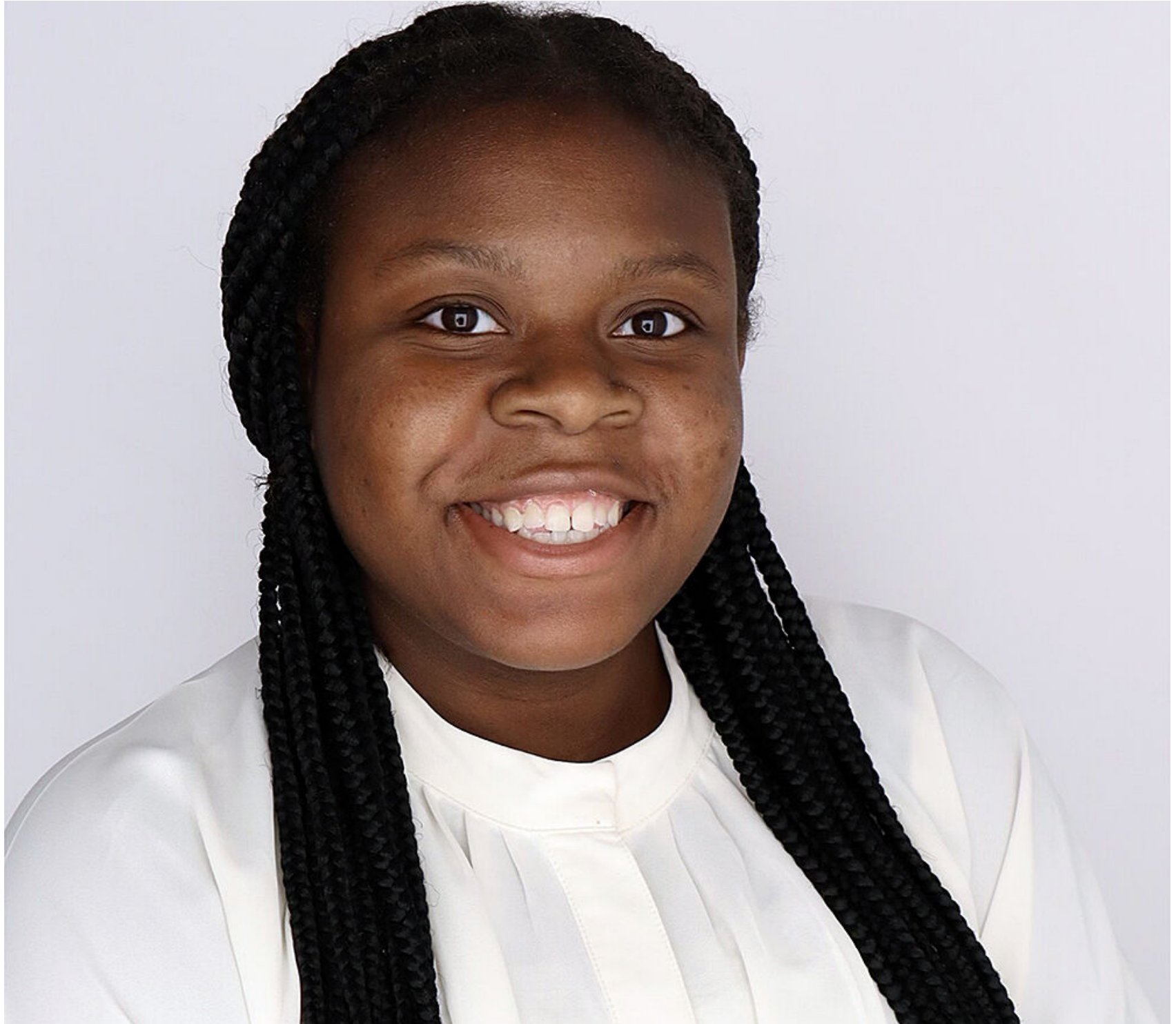
Lancaster Mayor Alston DeVenny thanked Jones for her service to the city, and congratulated her on the opportunity to further her education.

"I know with the Arras Foundation, with your experience there. you were one of the kickoff interns when we did our downtown presentation that led us through that, and we appreciate your spirit," DeVenny said.

"I really just want to say thank you, as a young person here in the city. I've grown up here, lived, worked, played, but to have an up-close personal experience with senior employees and the day-to-day operations of the city, and even get a chance to sit in on the Finance Committee meeting, it's been wonderful, and I couldn't imagine a better opportunity," Jones said at the May 23 City Council meeting.

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