



“I wouldn’t be here without financial aid.
Duke costs more than my mom makes in a year.”

- JOYCELYNE ABSOLU T’08

Joycelyne Absolu T’08 started a church nursery when she was in high school, and she knows she wants to work with children. She plans to become a pediatrician or a teacher, and at Duke, she’s been able to learn about newborns through a hospital internship and tutor elementary school students through a work-study job. But it wasn’t long ago that Joycelyne wondered if she’d be able to attend college at all, let alone a private university.



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One of six children being raised by a single parent, Joycelyne moved with her family from Haiti to Florida when she was seven. After she was admitted to Duke, the university put together an aid package that would meet her needs without leaving her in substantial debt or drawing from her family’s limited means. Now, Joycelyne’s family sees her as a role model. She’s the first in her family to attend college, but she doesn’t expect to be the last.