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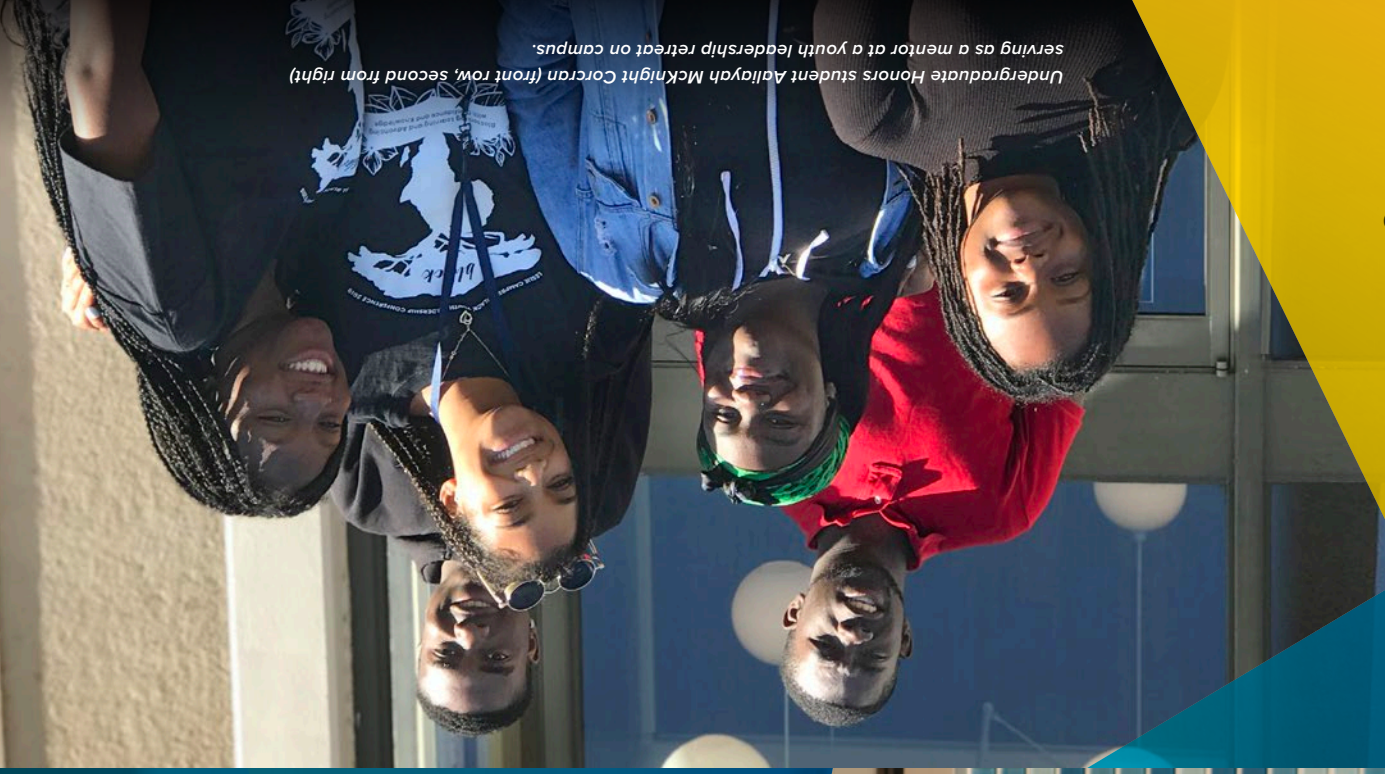

Undergraduate Honors student Aaliyah McKnight Corcran (front row, second from right) serving as a mentor at a youth leadership retreat on campus.

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Dear [informal salutation],

Aaliayah McKnight Corcran, a senior majoring in community and regional development, values many components of the University Honors Program, including the small classes, independent research projects and faculty mentorship. But no element has affected her more profoundly than her community service.

For one project, she mentored girls at a Sacramento middle school, where, as a first-generation college student, she encouraged them to follow their dreams. "Working with the girls made me want to go to law school to be an education attorney in order to work on our education system," said Aaliayah.

Her next service commitment, working with the District of Columbia Public Schools as part of the UCDC Summer Program, showed her the many ways attorneys serve education.

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"My service effected change. The girls' mindsets and the way they viewed themselves, their opportunities, and each other changed over the 10 weeks I worked with them. Many felt they could go on to college, and they talked excitedly about their futures."

— AALIAYAH MCKNIGHT CORCRAN, ON COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM