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Employer: J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

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Biographical Summary:

My name is Dominique Maddux-Jackson and I work as the Assistant Director of Financial aid at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. I earned my bachelor's in psychology from Hampton University in 2008 and my Master's in Higher Education from The Pennsylvania State University in 2023. I started working in higher education at VCU in 2009 as a Financial Aid Counselor, moved over to their Counseling Services Center in 2013 as an Administrative Assistant, and then came over to Reynold's in 2019 as a Financial Aid Technician (Verification Specialist). While at Reynolds, I earned my NASFAA CFA Certification June of 2022. I am a mother to a wonderful 4-year-old who is opiated, spoiled, silly, and a joy to be around. When I am not at work, you can find me playing with my daughter, at the gym or working out at home, wine tasting with my mom and friends, relaxing, and just enjoying life.

I currently reside in Richmond, VA, where I'm from, but I am also not against moving whether it be a different part of Virginia or another state. I enjoy traveling and have recently started traveling more (locally, domestically, and internationally). A traveling goal of mine is to travel internationally at least once a year every year; one year being a family trip with my daughter (and my mom if she wants to join lol) and a girl's trip the following year and then I will continue to alternate between the two.

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What makes you smile?

My daughter, alone time, and a morning cup of coffee.

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What is one personal goal you are comfortable sharing with us? Raising my daughter to be a well-rounded young woman. Teaching her how to productively navigate a tough world, love herself, be confident in herself, be fearless, know when to ask for help and never being afraid to do so, knowing when to try on her own, love her life, stand up for herself and living her life the way that SHE wants to live it. My personal goal is to also make sure she is happy, safe, and never feels alone nor feels inferior to anyone.