

# BLACK MATH HISTORY

## HIDDEN FIGURES REVEALED



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*"I'm lucky my teachers took the time to help nurture my math skills and interest in this field, I encourage everyone to find their village that inspires and uplifts you beyond your limits."*

-Erinn Brooks -

**Hometown:** Aurora, Illinois

**Current Occupation:** OMNI Location Planner, Business Analyst

**Interests:** Retail Industry, Traveling, Experiencing new cultures, Dancing, Watching musicals

### MY MATH STORY

Describe an experience (or more than one) that helped you discover/cultivate your interest in the mathematical sciences.

I was motivated by the fact someone who looks like me is often not visible in the STEM majors, especially Mathematics. I wanted to show that it's possible to succeed in this field for those who come behind me.

What motivated you to study math at Ohio State?

I've always enjoyed learning math at a young age and was put in advanced courses. My middle school and high school math teachers were really integral in building my relationship with math and the many career paths that can be taken with this degree.

How has your math degree influenced your life after graduation?

My math degree really influenced my everyday thought process, strengthened my problem solving skills, and built a strong foundation of analytical skills. I'm able to understand the story data/numbers are trying to tell and communicate to that to my counterparts.

What personal or professional accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?

I'm most proud that I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Math as a Black Women. Also during my time at Ohio State, I was responsible for planning and organizing Parent & Family Weekend and Sibs & Kids Weekend for the entire university. After graduation, I'm most proud that I've been successful in my career with 3 promotions in under 5 years



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