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Division in Diversity

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While Obama enjoys a long overdue vacation in Mosquito Island, the rest of the world grieves from what feels like a break-up.

This election, as any election, has led to a silent divide amongst family members, friends, and peers across the nation. It has been a hard pill to swallow for many.

While one side feels hopeful, the other feels afraid. Somewhere down the line, conversations regarding politics have become destructive rather than constructive.

Indyah Bryant, a

sophomore at Meredith, hopes to open up a safer conversation through her student documentary, *Division in Diversity*. The documentary captures the impact of the election on Meredith's campus as a whole.

On Nov. 8, the day after the election, our campus felt quieter than usual.

"My professor told me that the sky mourns with us sometimes. It definitely seemed like it that day," said Bryant.

She explained that her vision for this project was inspired that very morning when she learned of the outcome.

There was a clear shift in the atmosphere, she said.

Division in Diversity combines snippets of student, staff, and faculty members from Meredith College sharing their views on the election and the impact it had on them. The message that Bryant hopes to embody through this documentary is a heightened sense of awareness and solidarity within our campus.

"I want other girls to open their minds and know that when they make a decision, they have to be mindful of people who are different than them and are from different backgrounds,"

Bryant said.

She also suggested that we must support one another because at the end of the day, we are a sisterhood.

This current political climate has forced our generation to become activists and speak up for one another. Bryant's documentary contributes to a more unified world in which we are fighting to live.

She leaves us with one piece of advice: "This time of struggle won't be forever. We are making a change. Our voices will be heard one way or another."

Fashion Students Participate in Atlanta Mini-Internship

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This semester, students in the Meredith Fashion Merchandising and Design Program have the opportunity for some hands-on experiences. Throughout the semester, students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to work for the wholesaler, Americas Mart Atlanta. Ashley Deal ('17) just returned from the trip, where she had the opportunity to work for the

showroom, Reeves & Company.

While working for Reeves & Company for a week, Deal was able to work directly with buyers by showing them the company's spring lines.

This mini-internship is an awesome opportunity for fashion majors as they are able to network and make a positive impression on prospective employers while in Atlanta.

Deal said, "I enjoyed working in a real clothing company. I was able to work alongside professionals and learn from their experiences in the fashion world. Also, I was able to work directly with buyers by showing them the new lines. I did not expect to be able to do that right away."

Deal was even invited to go back to Atlanta next month to fill in for another week as

an intern. All of the fashion merchandising professors are on board with these mini internships.

The fashion students are told right away that experience is key when working in the fashion industry.

Through this program with Americas Mart Atlanta, Meredith students are getting their feet in the door in a very competitive industry.

Women of MC

Sarah Smerko, Features Editor



Ann Cox, Class of 2018

"My time at Meredith has made me stronger by helping me hone my strengths and figure out how to make my ideas and dreams a reality. The opportunities Meredith has given me have empowered me to develop these aspects in tangible ways. Studying abroad, independent research, and leadership roles in on-campus political organizations have challenged me in many ways, but most importantly, helping me to take an abstract vision of what I wanted to do with my career and make it something tangible."

Carol Jablonski, Class of 2020

"My favorite part about Meredith is the community that I have grown to be a part of. The community here is like no other that I have experienced. The women here are so strong and are so dedicated to their futures. The faculty and staff care so much about each and every one of us and want us to succeed in everything we do. I know for a fact that Meredith College was one of the best decisions I have ever made."

Photos Courtesy of Ann Cox and Carol Jablonski



CORRECTION:

The insert of last issue for Feb. 1, 2017 contained an error in the naming of the event it concerned. The headline that read, "Meredith students and alumnae attend 55th Presidential Election" should have read "Meredith students and alumnae attended inauguration of 45th President."