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## **UJAA’s 2019 High School Graduate Awardee Receives Princeton University ReachOut International Fellowship 2024**



**Alison Parish** is a 2019 UJAA High School Graduate Awardee and a Princeton University senior concentrating in Medical Anthropology with a certificate in French Language and Culture. She is one of four 2024 graduating recipients of the Princeton University ReachOut International Fellowship. She will work in Paris with the nonprofit Afrique Avenir to improve the accessibility and awareness of women’s health education for Black immigrant communities in France.

Her independent work is focused on understanding the ways that histories of immigration impact the healthcare experiences of West African immigrants living in Paris, France. She is a recipient of the A. James Fisher Jr. '36 Memorial Award from the Pace Center for Civic Engagement and participated in the Novogratz Bridge Year Program in Senegal last year.

According to the Co-Chair of ReachOut’s Board of Trustees, “...the ReachOut Fellowship Program continues to attract students with a deep commitment to service. We were impressed in every case by the passion the applicants brought to their projects, the careful research that has gone into their proposals, and the students’ strong records of service, both on campus and elsewhere.”

“My Princeton journey has allowed me to learn from various communities how to engage in service,” Parish said. “I look forward to collaborating with Afrique Avenir and immersing myself in France, bringing these lessons of community health interventions into my future medical career.” She has received early acceptance to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Alison’s dedication to public service and her academic background position her to make a significant impact through her fellowship work. Outside of her work in anthropology, Alison is very active in the dance community at Princeton and involved in mentorship as a Butler RCA and SIFP Head Fellow.

Programs and descriptions of past fellowships and projects can be viewed on the ReachOut website at [www.princetonreachout.org](http://www.princetonreachout.org).