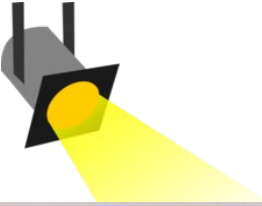


ECON SPOTLIGHT: ARKEY BARNETT



Few students exemplify drive and passion more than Arkey Barnett '19. An Economics major and Allison Davis Research Fellow, Arkey seeks to understand and address issues that matter to him, such as the low academic achievement levels and graduation rates found at his high school, which was a predominantly minority and low-income community. When asked why he chose to study Economics, Arkey said, "I wanted to understand the link between education and socioeconomic



mobility, something I thought about a lot growing up in affordable housing projects with minority and low-income kids who dropped out of school at a concerning rate (myself included)."

An active member of the QuestBridge chapter at Williams, Arkey's best advice for low-income students is "don't be afraid to ask for help, in a variety of ways, from asking questions about material we don't understand in class, to finding a way to get home because of a family emergency, or even asking around for different job opportunities or speaking to professors about why they chose to go down this path for their career." Arkey believes that asking for help makes you stronger, not weaker!

Arkey says that serving as a peer tutor in the Econ department, as well as becoming an Allison Davis Research Fellow, has allowed him to practice and explore a lot of new (and old) topics in Economics. Be on the lookout for these opportunities to expand your Economics experience at Williams!