

## MEET OUR INSPIRATION: DIJON STOKES

Dijon, who grew up on Charleston's West Side, first volunteered to work a full time, unpaid internship for ACLU-WV after his freshman year at Howard University. He worked that summer from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day and then went on to his night job as a server at a local restaurant to make ends meet.

After his junior year, Dijon came back for another summer internship with ACLU-WV. Recognizing, the equity failings of the previous unpaid internships, ACLU-WV created the paid fellowship program and Dijon did not have to work a second job.

Dijon's work as an intern was spectacular, and after graduation, ACLU-WV offered Dijon a full-time position. He currently heads up ACLU-WV's voting rights work statewide and works to reform our criminal legal system at the legislature and in the community.

