



Miles M. Battle '21 was born the middle child to a family of five and raised outside of Huntsville, Alabama. As a young southern boy he was taught lessons on sharing, the value of manners and much more. He was fortunate enough to play a variety of sports growing up and believes playing team sports as a child showed him how to work with others and appreciate the gifts other people have. During his senior year of high school he chose to focus on football once he realized that it could get him to college. By the end of senior season, he received 10 offers to play college football, but he waited until January to make a college decision and ultimately chose Dartmouth College.

After committing to Dartmouth, he trained over the summer while working a few jobs back home until he left for campus in August of 2017 for preseason camp. During preseason he met Maya Perkins, the woman he did not know would be his soulmate and best friend. He came to college focused on football and a dream of playing professionally so he was not very social during his first term on campus. His first winter gave him the opportunity to grow closer to new people and get involved with activities on campus. Over the course of the spring and summer terms, he got to know Maya even more and became increasingly involved with the community as a byproduct. He attended his first Afro-American Society (AAM) general body meeting all because he promised Maya he would go to one before the end of the term. During the summer of freshman year he stayed in Hanover. It was tough being away from family and friends during summer break but staying with Maya, training for the season, and mentoring in the SEAD Program got him through that first summer and wrapped up his first year.

In the fall of sophomore year, Mr. Battle moved into Shabazz and became a regular at AAM general body meetings and other community sponsored events. That spring, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and started work as a servant leader. He took his sophomore summer off and interned in Baltimore, Maryland with Morgan Stanley. He used some of what he learned over the summer in the fall of junior year when he became the treasurer for the AAM. During the fall he applied to the winter class of Tuck Business Bridge

Program hosted by the Tuck School of Business. After completing the 2019 Winter Bridge at Tuck, he went back to work at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Huntsville Regional Medical Facility (UAB) for the first time since 2017.

Shortly after returning to UAB, the global pandemic struck the nation and classes were moved entirely online. During Mr. Battle's first remote term in the spring, he was blessed with a few opportunities to do some good in different spaces. He became president of the Dartmouth chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and he was elected to be a member of the Palaeopitus Senior Society, and he accepted an offer to intern with AIG. While interning, he began laying the foundation for the work he is doing now with Dr. Bryant Ford and a team of Black undergraduate men from different classes. Its mission is to promote a general sense of community and foster a learning environment particularly on issues surrounding sexual violence.

After the completion of his summer internship, Mr. Battle accepted a return offer from AIG for the following summer. As a retired college football player with job security, he started the fall term focused on graduating and leaving Dartmouth better than how he found it. Throughout the fall he worked with the Dartmouth NPHC, Palaeopitus, Dean of the College Student Advisory Board, and the Community Education Project with Dr. Ford and the team. He looks to continue much of the work that has already been started and leave the pieces behind for others to continue meaningful work.