**Biography Melanie Watson**

Melanie K. Watson, 21, is Business Management major at Miles College. Her 3.3 GPA has earned her entry into the Miles College Honors Curriculum Program with whom she has traveled to two honors conferences for presentation competitions. Additionally, she was given the honor of meeting with Congresswoman Terri Sewell and Honda Representatives in Washington D.C. for the National Security Colloquium session of the 56th National Black Caucus Convention. Melanie is the president of the Miles College Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and the National Pan Hellenic Council at Miles.

Her hobbies include playing the cymbals and the bass drums, although she is very passionate about dance, with over 8 years of experience in jazz, pop, hip hop and ballet. She was interested in dance at an early age and eventually enrolled in her first dance class at Ramsay High School. Some of her other hobbies include cheerleading basketball, football, listening to music and community service activities. Melanie is a proud graduate of Ramsay High School and has offered her assistance in various extra-curricular activities with the school in the last 4 years. She has been working with developing the Ramsay High School Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading teams and is currently the assistant coach to both.

Melanie’s dedication to motivate and serve the community has encouraged her to stay involved and give back. Her service projects include the Woodlawn Foundation, Miles College campus clean-up, Ronald McDonald House, and feeding the homeless.

Melanie’s platform B.E. S.T.R.O.N.G. stands for Building Entrepreneurs Striving to Reach Our Next Generation; it is one of her biggest initiatives towards encouraging people to become successful business owners and motivate the next generation.

Upon graduating from Miles College, Melanie will further her education in the fall of 2017 by pursuing a master’s degree in Sports Management. While completing her studies she is looking forward to interning with a sports team in the United States to get a hands-on experience in the daily maintenance and upkeep of a sports facility. Her Motto is: If you can’t B.E. S.T.R.O.N.G. then you can’t reach the End Zone!