

## Thierno Diallo – Distinguished Hoosier Award

It is our sincere pleasure to recognize Thierno Diallo as this year's recipient of the Distinguished Hoosier Award. I have had the pleasure of working with Thierno Diallo during his undergraduate academic career at Indiana University, serving as Thierno's academic advisor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Thierno has consistently proven himself to not only be an outstanding student during his undergraduate academic career at IU, but has also displayed strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Thierno possesses a positive attitude and a strong work ethic that makes him stand out among his peers.

Thierno is a 21st Century Scholar, and also received the FLAS Fellowship, which supports undergraduate students who chose to study less commonly taught world languages, and can promote increased cultural competencies. While Thierno has continued to find success in the classroom, he has also been highly involved on the Bloomington campus. Thierno is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi social fraternity, and has served as President of the African Students' Association for the past academic year. In addition, Thierno is currently a Cadet Officer with IUPD, having graduated from the IU Police Academy in August of 2019. In his job as a Cadet Officer, Thierno enforces local and state law on the IU-Bloomington campus after completing the highly rigorous fourteen week training program that finalized his certification as an Indiana State Police Officer.

I have always been impressed with Thierno's ability to balance time management as a student at Indiana University. Thierno consistently chooses to focus on academic pursuits over social commitments; a sign of great maturity. Thierno's critical reflection and ability to communicate openly and honestly while having a positive impact on his peers has made him one of Indiana University's most promising students.

We look forward to following Thierno's journey, as he begins to pursue the MS in Cybersecurity Risk Management at IU in the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Krystie Herndon & Andy Bloomgarden