

# VINESHA BROWN IN THE LIFE AND TIMES

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*I can do all things  
through Christ  
that strengthens me  
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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Industry Experience
- Volunteering experience

## EXPERIENCE IS A LESSON LEARNED

Cashier, program assistant, tutor, guest service agent, breakfast ambassador, and night auditor! Although all of my previous jobs and volunteer services have added to my experience in the hospitality, my professional experience is working currently at a Fairfield Inn Marriott property in King of Prussia Pa. I was able to gain this experience while achieving college credit for Temple University, in which I am in my senior year. At Fairfield Inn, I am able to work first hand in taking care of guest and accommodating their special needs. All of my nights at Fairfield Inn is not as fun as others, but these challenges allow me to be creative and critically think of ways to make each guest stay a member able stay. Learning to work in a diverse setting has been an advantage that I will take throughout my career. At Temple University I am learning critical thinking and I am excited to apply this ability to my career in the hospitality industry. In my pass job experience at a non profit organization allowed me to gain confidence and leadership skills that I apply to my education at Temple and a Fairfield Inn. It is not easy taking 18 credits at a four year university and working 40 hours a week while working the overnight shift, but every challenge is a lesson and every lesson is a blessing. I am looking forward to life after college. I am eager to learn from the hospitality industry and I believe I have leadership skills, creativity and the persistence that will cause me to be successful in the hospitality industry.

## I GAIN THE MOST FROM VOLUNTEERING

Over the years I have taken pride in public service. It is important for me to help as many people as possible. Working in a non profit day care and after school center I understand how important it is to provide assistance to people who need it. I was dedicated to my job at the day care, Sports and Learning (SAL). SAL introduced me to professionalism. After working with the children I was able to move up and work with their par-

ents. I was also able to take the same children I worked with at SAL and get them involved in the Girls Scouts of America. I was able to help more girls in the neighborhood that did not attend SAL. This was another leadership experience.

Thanksgiving of 2009 I volunteered to host international students from the Tourism and Hospitality Major. Stepping out



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of my comfort zone and meeting new people is a challenge for me. This volunteer experience helped me conquer that fear. They taught me that although we were from the other side of the world, we had much in common.