



Isatou Conteh

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“I want to own my own business.”

After graduating high school in Gambia, Isatou Conteh wanted to study in the United States and a friend told her about Edmonds Community College. She did her own research at www.edcc.edu and decided to enroll. From her first quarter at the college, Conteh knew she’d made a good choice. It wasn’t easy to adjust to study abroad (it was her first time traveling internationally), “But my classmates and instructors made me feel comfortable and welcome,” she said. Conteh is a member of the college’s Black Student Association and appreciates the cultural diversity at Edmonds CC. “I like the way people interact and that you see people of different cultures and from different countries in your classes,” she said. “It’s like a family around here.”