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Minnesota State Mankato Junior Awarded Duke Medicine Summer Internship

Minnesota State junior Tinotenda Mupambo (Communication Disorders, ‘19) was recently awarded a position at Duke University’s Summer Professional Speech Pathology/Audiology Assistant Program. Mupambo will spend ten weeks within the Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology at Duke School of Medicine.

The Summer Professional Speech Pathology/Audiology Assistant Program is designed to prepare rising senior undergraduates/first year graduate students to experience the profession within the medical environment. Selected students are paid to learn while working 40 hours per week in a combination of inpatient/outpatient and hospital/clinic settings. All participants work on special Departmental projects in addition to having the opportunity to observe all types of clinical speech pathology and audiology practice in a variety of medical settings.

Mupambo chose the Summer Professional Speech Pathology/Audiology Assistant Program because it would help her gain experience in her field. “The clinical rotations I will get to do observing skilled and experienced Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists will be invaluable to growing my knowledge,” she said. The program’s location at Duke was another main reason she applied: “Having this achievement on my resume will not only help me stand out when applying to graduate schools (which is a very competitive process) but it will also be an amazing experience as I go into the work force and apply for jobs after finishing my masters in Speech Language Pathology.”

Mupambo is the incoming Public relations Officer for the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) chapter at Minnesota State Mankato. She is also part of Cru, an interdenominational Christian ministry on campus. Mupambo utilized resources in the Office of University Fellowships in her pursuit of this award.

For more information on the Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State Mankato, see www.mnsu.edu/fellowships.

For more information on Duke University’s Summer Professional Speech Pathology/Audiology Assistant Program, see https://surgery.duke.edu/divisions/head-and-neck-surgery-and-communication-sciences/education/summer-professional-speech-pathologyaudiology-assistant-program.