



BLACK EXCELLENCE ALUMNI NETWORK

Amauri Bowman '16



Amauri Bowman is a dedicated pediatric nurse with a deep passion for care, community, and inclusion.

A member of the Class of 2016, Amauri began her journey at Porter-Gaud in first grade and remained through graduation. As one of the few Black students, she faced unique challenges but turned them into opportunities to become a strong advocate for belonging. Inspired by her great-grandfather, who helped construct Porter-Gaud's Lower School, and supported by her parents' strong belief in the power of education, Amauri transformed early experiences of feeling isolated into a mission of creating inclusive spaces.

During high school, Amauri was active in Global Union, where she spearheaded a march honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. She also participated in cheerleading and choir, and credits her ninth-grade Spanish teacher, Mrs. Batalis, with sparking an interest in language and culture that continues to inform her work today. Those Spanish skills now allow her to better serve Spanish-speaking families in healthcare settings.

After graduating from Porter-Gaud, Amauri attended Francis Marion University, drawn to its small campus, diverse student body, and strong nursing program. She became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which further deepened her passion for service and community. After two years at Francis Marion, she transferred to The Citadel, where she earned her nursing degree in 2021.

Now based in Charleston, Amauri continues to break barriers and build meaningful connections with patients and families through her work as a pediatric nurse. She aspires to become a nurse practitioner and hopes to open a practice that offers free clinic days for underserved communities.

Amauri credits Porter-Gaud with preparing her academically and helping her develop the study skills that made her transition to college a seamless one. As she reflects on her academic journey, she also recognizes how her initial feelings of disconnection served as a catalyst for creating more welcoming, empathetic, and connected spaces that value belonging. From her early years on campus to her work serving children and families today, she carries forward a commitment to compassionate care, inclusivity, and service that defines her impact in the community.