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When Life Gives You Lemons, Move To LA!

I had a great summer of 2016 and I wanted to see where I could grow. My fall quarter was dedicated to applying to many different studios, agencies, and production companies writing essays, getting letters of recommendations, and shaping/re-shaping resumes. Fast forward all the way to spring quarter 2017, one by one, rejection after rejection came until the point where I had no internship offers lined up. I was really disappointed and confused.

I called one of my mentors and asked for her advice. I told her about my situation and she asked me: “Well, you want to be an actor, right? Why don’t you move to LA and make acting your internship?” Immediately every excuse came to my head on why I shouldn’t, but she encouraged me that it would be a good investment & risk. I talked to my parents and they were supportive so, I took all the money I saved from working at my part-time job and moved to LA.

Two weeks after my arrival, I booked a principle role in an Adidas commercial that aired during the ESPY Awards! However, my search for an internship didn’t stop. I came across an application for the LA Department of Cultural Affairs. After two interviews, I earned an internship at The Vision Theatre at Historic Leimert Park.

Being a young African American actor in the entertainment industry, this experience meant the world to me. This internship opened the door to the black community in Hollywood that I was yearning to learn from. I was surrounded by decades of knowledge and experience from prestigious directors, actors, casting directors, and stage managers who have had successful careers in theatre, film & TV. I thank God because this opportunity was truly a blessing.

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