



Dikasse Zalla '19

International Business

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Dikasse Zalla is a senior at the Martin Tuchman School of Management at NJIT pursuing her bachelor's degree in business. She is a native of Burkina Faso, a small, landlocked country in the middle of western Africa. After having lived in three other countries, Dikasse and her family decided to move to the United States in 2008. Currently, she resides in Montclair, New Jersey, where she attended Mt. Hebron Middle School (now known as Buzz Aldrin Middle School), and graduated from Montclair High School.

Dikasse chose to attend NJIT to study business because she believes that NJIT can provide her with the necessary tools to succeed in the future. She is acquiring both the knowledge in business and the skills in technology — an important combination to possess in this technology-based world. Since her freshman year, she has been heavily involved in several organizations on campus. She is an E-Board member of the NJIT Business Club, a peer mentor to incoming freshmen to help ease their transition from high school to university, a member of the Dean's Student Leadership Council, and worked as a lab assistant in the Ray Cassetta Financial Analysis Lab, where she acquired her Bloomberg Market Concept (BMC) certification. In addition, Dikasse also works in the Dean's Office as an office assistant and a web/social media assistant.

She is a recipient of the Avanade 15 for 15 STEM Scholarship, a scholarship awarded to women studying STEM. She is one of 30 Avanade scholars worldwide. Avanade is a joint venture between Microsoft and Accenture that was created in 2000. They are in the IT consulting field and use the Microsoft ecosystem tools to solve business problems. Dikasse had the privilege of completing an internship at Avanade last summer. She worked as a business analyst intern and was assigned a large global pharmaceutical company as her client. At the completion of her internship, she was offered a full-time position and plans to start working at Avanade after graduation.