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## **BRC November Student Of The Month**

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Justin is a “ mover and a shaker” here on The Ohio State University campus and throughout the Columbus community. Justin is a prime example of what it means to be a positive role model for young African American males. I had a chance to sit down with Justin and find out more about him.

**BRC:** What are some of your life goals?

**Justin :** After I complete my degrees here at Ohio State University, I plan on attending Medical School and become a physician most likely in orthopedics.

**BRC:** What is your inspiration for wanting to go into orthopedic medicine?

**Justin:** I’ve been around medicine my entire life. My father is actually an orthopedic surgeon and I’ve always been exposed to it and find the science field very interesting. It was between that and being a college professor but as I got into my college career I discovered that my passion really lies in medicine and I decided to pursue that field.

**BRC:** What activities are you involved in here on campus at Ohio State University?

**Justin:** I am the Vice- President of the Society of Black Scientist here on campus. I am the Programming Chair of Buckeye Inc. which is a committee run out of the Office of Student Life; I’m

also the Service Chair of Sphinx Senior Class Honorary currently.

**BRC:** What other activities are you involved in outside of OSU?

**Justin:** I am a mentor, I was formally a mentor of Big Brothers Big Sisters program but the school that I mentored at unfortunately had to cut the program because of budget constraints. Currently I mentor at the Southmoor Middle School which is through the Bell Resource Center. I am also a HIV test counselor for the Columbus AIDS Task Force.

**BRC:** I happen to know a little bit about you and now that you have been applying to different medical schools. How has this process been as far as the interviews?

**Justin:** The process has been really educational and I have enjoyed it thoroughly so far. I have picked up a few details that I do want to share with other

pre med students here on campus very shortly and let them have the information that I gained from my experience and things that they may need to be aware of as their time of interviews are coming.

**BRC:** Recently you interviewed with Johns Hopkins Medical School. How was it being at one of the top ranked medical programs in the nation?

**Justin:** The program seemed to be very detailed. Particularly they have a very large emphasis on the faculty at their institution so their faculty and those that teach there are very passionate about what they do. They have a reputable name and they allow students to reach their full potential when it comes time for them to apply to do their residency.

McGee has already gained acceptance to The Ohio State University Medical School which was one of his top choices. McGee stated that he would

encourage anyone who is interested into going to medical school to "... have their egos in check because that is what schools are looking for; realize that what you are trying to do is not about you, it is about service."