When it came time to choose a college, Dasia Moore PC ’18 says she wanted to attend a school that would challenge her academically, while at the same time allow her to explore her wide-ranging interests. “I wanted a school where I could be involved on campus and in the local community,” said the Reidsville, North Carolina, native. “Yale seemed like a fantastic fit.”

Majoring in the interdisciplinary ethics, politics, and economics program, Dasia came to Yale with an eye on international affairs, but she credits her classes with setting her on a new path: “Since I’ve been here, I’ve become a lot more focused on domestic issues,” she said. “I would love to be involved in public service in some way. I’m still deciding if that’s through nonprofit or government work.”

She is currently exploring her options as an intern in New Haven City Hall’s Office of Development and Policy, where she researches and writes grants for municipal programs and initiatives that range from assisting former prisoners as they enter the workforce to developing best practices in coastal infrastructure in an effort to mitigate the effects of rising sea levels. The internship enables Dasia to actively engage in the city, while gaining valuable experience in politics and urban policy.

The oldest of seven children, Dasia says financial aid played a big part in her decision to attend Yale. She wanted to make sure her choice did not limit her siblings’ college opportunities; her Yale scholarship made the decision an easy one.

“I appreciate that donors commit to helping students like me come here and succeed. I’m so grateful to them for giving me this wonderful opportunity,” she said.

A robust financial aid program brings exceptional students like Dasia to Yale, regardless of their financial circumstances. To learn more about ways to support these students, please visit giving.yale.edu or call 800.395.7646.