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As an undergraduate student at VCU, Ashley Bland didn’t give much thought to pursuing a career as a teacher. She was double majoring in psychology and sociology with a minor in criminology. After graduation, she was accepted into the engineering program as an engineering students campus leader.

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