

## **Student Stories Project: Thanzeela Mohideen**

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**Welcome to the Indiana University Student Stories Project, a production of the IU Alumni Association. I'm your host, Alana Salata. In this series, you'll get an insight into what it takes to be a student leader here at IU, from the perks –**

*“The Alumni Association here at South Bend had selected me to go to IU Bloomington’s annual LeaderShape training program for a week.”*

**– to the hard work –**

*“Time management: it’s hard because I love the group so much and I just – I want to volunteer for everything and I want to do everything.”*

**– to the memories that will last a lifetime.**

*“I’ve met so many people that have touched my life in so many ways.”*

**Join me on this journey through the lives of IU student leaders.**

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**SALATA: Today we’re at Indiana University Northwest speaking with Thanzeela Mohideen of the student government.**

MOHIDEEN: Hi, I’m Thanzeela Mohideen, and I go to IU Northwest, and I’m involved in student government.

**Why did you choose to attend IU Northwest?**

I chose to attend IU Northwest because it’s close to home – I mean, I get to be by my family and still study at the same time, so, I mean, it was a good choice for me. And then they have a good education – a good medical school.

**Tell me about a meaningful or enjoyable experience you’ve had at IU Northwest.**

Just meeting new people, making friends, and stuff like that. Making friends is really important because they help you, you know, go along with your courses, make friends in your major and things like that, and it just makes learning better, easier.

**What advice would you give to incoming freshmen and other students just starting out at IU Northwest?**

I mean, relax, enjoy it, but at the same time, study hard. Pay attention in your classes, go to classes and stuff.

**Tell me a little about the student government at IU Northwest.**

Student government this year actually just regrouped, so we're planning new events for the upcoming year. There's going to be, like, Welcome Back Week, which is going to be a whole week with just, like, activities for freshmen, and then, like, other students, to, like, promote them to stay on campus and things like that. I mean, we're planning different events to get students to be more, you know, active.

**How did you find out about the student government, and why did you decide to become involved?**

I found out about student government through a friend, and she, like, really convinced me. She was like, you know, "It's a wonderful group, they do so much, and they're, you know, just starting out again, so it'd be a good idea to get involved now and help them through, you know, like regrouping, and help them decide on plans and be a part of something."

**How have your leadership skills developed over the course of your participation in the student government?**

It teaches you, like, organization, and, like, you know, planning, and going to different events helps you meet different people and things like that. So it's fun.

**What have you gained through your interactions with IU alumni?**

Just different events that are going on, meeting different people, and, like, getting to know, you know, what's going on around the school, what's happening and things like that, you know. A lot of times if you just come and go to school, you don't realize what's really going on.

**What other organizations are you a part of here at IU Northwest?**

I'm part of the Pre-Professional Club, which is organized by Dr. Tuncay, and the Asian-American Club.

**What are your future goals, and how do you think IU Northwest has helped prepare you to meet those goals?**

I am a chemistry major right now, and I want to do pre-med. I mean, taking the classes and things like that, there's a lot of the professors are willing to help you, you know, like, decide what courses to take, what's best for you, and, like, they're always there if you ever need help. IU Northwest is, like, wonderful, because all the professors know who you are – they know you

by your first name, and they can, like, they know what you're doing, so they can always, like, help you out and stuff, too.

**What will you miss the most when you graduate?**

There's a lot of things that I'd miss, like my friends. I'd miss just the environment.

**We've been talking with Thanzeela Mohideen of the IU Northwest student government.**

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