



Gninnanhoyan Patrick Toure is a 23-year-old double national from the Ivory Coast and the United States. Patrick began his undergraduate studies at Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, USA) before transferring to Emory University (Atlanta, USA) where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies in December 2016. During his second year, he spent a semester in Granada, Spain, studying Sociology of Population and Migration at the University of Granada.

Patrick's academic and professional interests are focused in Conflict Resolution and Diplomacy, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Patrick's desire is to contribute to inclusive economies and promote peace among peoples and nations. At SAIS, Patrick intends to concentrate in Conflict Management.

Patrick first became interested in this field through an internship in the Africa Program at Search for Common Ground, in Washington D.C., where he discovered the importance of civil society in peace efforts, and the impact of innovative projects such as youth radio programs or the promotion of women's leadership in media. Shortly after, he worked at The Carter Center in Atlanta, first as an intern, focusing primarily on the promotion of durable peace and stability in Sudan and Mali, then as a temporary employee, working mainly on the *Africa-China-U.S. Consultation for Peace* – a forum aiming to promote multilateral collaboration on peace and security issues. In this role, Patrick undertook two trips to Senegal and Togo, to implement the Consultation, working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Togo and the UN Office for West Africa and the Sahel. Most recently, until June 2017, Patrick interned at the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland, in the Regional Bureau for Africa, where he worked on donor relations and helped plan and implement *Africa Shares* – an advocacy event seeking to help alter the narrative surrounding displaced populations in Africa.

Patrick grew up in the Ivory Coast, Mali, and Senegal. He is a native English and French speaker, has a good command of Spanish, and is currently learning Italian during pre-term, though he hopes to study Arabic during the academic year.