

Nicola Foster

Born and raised in urban Toronto's *Little Jamaica* (Eglinton Ave. and Caledonia Rd area) by her single-mother, Nicola has always recognized the importance of education towards success. As such, she knew a career that would promote and encourage her professional, personal, and intellectual growth as a life-long learner would be most fitting.

When starting university in 2016, Nicola was unsure of her future career path but it was clear with her desire to help others. Her interest in policing came with the realization of its relativity to social work in nature, through crime prevention and intervention. Now, while entering her final year of her undergraduate degree, she can confidently say a career in policing is her calling.

As an active member of her community, she hopes that her efforts of making substantial influences throughout her career in policing are continuous. As progressive police services adopt community policing practices, she plans to bridge the gap between the current generation's relationships with law enforcement. Using community policing as the framework, she is confident that her passion for the field of law enforcement will make sound impacts on the lives of those whose communities she will be serving.

For her enjoyment, Nicola enjoys playing the clarinet, one of her musical talents.