



SMARTTRACK

COLLEGE SUCCESS

The Smartest Way to Navigate College

The Minard Family — Julian, Curry College (Criminal Justice & Sociology)

Status: Current Junior

"Julian started his college journey with a strong sense of purpose. He knew he wanted to make a difference in the world through criminal justice and sociology—but once he got to Curry College, the reality of balancing heavy reading loads, emotionally intense coursework, and career uncertainty hit hard. By his sophomore year, he was burned out, overwhelmed, and questioning whether he was on the right path."



"As his mom, I could tell something was off, but I didn't know how to help from a distance. That's when we found SmartTrack. Dr. Terrell stepped in and immediately connected with Julian—not just as a student, but as a young man trying to find his place. He helped Julian manage his academic workload with real strategies—organizing his assignments, approaching long research papers in stages, and navigating sensitive topics that come with studying justice and inequality."

"What made the biggest difference, though, was the career guidance. Dr. Terrell helped Julian explore the wide range of options available in his field—from advocacy to law enforcement to policy—and encouraged him to pursue an internship that gave him real-world insight."

"Now, as a junior, Julian is more confident, more focused, and finally sees a future in the field he cares so deeply about. SmartTrack didn't just help him succeed in college—it helped him believe in what's possible."

— **Karen Minard, Parent**