Jonielle McDonnough, a BSEE Student at the University of South Florida who studies in the hardware development and research and development (R&D) of biomedical devices under the direction of Dr. Sylvia Thomas, has been awarded the highest scholarship with the Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF). As a STEAM Advocate and Mentor, Jonielle has multiple leadership experiences in the National Society of Black Engineers, where her leadership efforts and devotion to the society's mission was recognized on the regional level. She is also involved in Big Brother Big Sister of Tampa Bay as a Big Sister (Mentor).

The Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF) STEM Education Foundation provides scholarships to support students in advancing their college level education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related disciplines. Scholarships are awarded at ITSMF’s Technology Achievement Awards Ceremony. This is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to students who have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours. Students are recognized for their academics, aptitude to lead and serve, and their commitment to further their education. Five (5) $1,000 scholarships will be awarded in honor of five (5) ITSMF Fellows and one (1) $5,000 scholarship in honor of ITSMF’s Chair Emeritus, Carl Williams. Applicants are judged on their high level of academic achievement, essays, leadership and commitment to the STEM industry.

Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF) is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to cultivating executive level talent among black technology professionals. ITSMF’s members hail from Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, technology businesses and academia. Congratulations to Jonielle for this prestigious award!