

GETTING TO THE BAG: The Pathways to Business, Entrepreneurship and Career Development in Baltimore



About Shontel Greene

The Baltimore Queen of American Gangster Trap Queen Season 3 Episode 4

The unforgiving urban environment of Baltimore City has produced many prolific individuals. From Elite athletes and actors to legendary entertainers and musicians, Baltimore's unique street culture and demographic structure churn out individuals who seem impervious to the volatile ebb and flow of inner-city life. Many have overcome insurmountable challenges and have succeeded as a result, but no one has a story quite like Shontel Greene's. The product of a pair of drugaddicted parents.

Though her environment repeatedly affirmed that her life expectancy may not stretch beyond her late teenage years, she consciously decided that she would defy the odds and secure a future beyond the dilapidated streets she hustled on. Shontel set clear goals and through her determination, she would go on to follow her dreams and become a registered nurse, like her mother, before her fall to heroin. Shontel's accomplishments hardly end after her entry into the Nursing world, she currently holds a Masters Degree in Nursing and is in graduate school at LaSalle University, eleven months away from her (DNP) Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. She is set to receive her degree in December 2023.

Academic pursuits aside, Shontel currently owns two businesses. The first, More Than Just Friends Adult Medical Day Center, serves as a wholesome space to host patients throughout the day with medication therapy, as well as activities and events meant to keep them mentally and physically strong. The second, Nursez R Us, is a residential service agency providing adult dependent care to qualifying citizens in the state of Maryland. 95% of clients come from the underserved population of those receiving state Medicaid and federal Medicare assistance. Grossing \$11.9 million dollars annually, Nursez R Us ranked #96 in Black Enterprise two years in a row for one of the largest growing Black-owned businesses in the nation. Also, she was featured in Forbes Magazine October 2021, and premiered on The Hit Tv Show American Gangster Trap Queens on BETPLUS.

