

## **Shanell Lavery ALB '15**



Commencement day 2015 was one of the proudest moments of my life. I was 8 months pregnant, tired, and sweltering in the black gown! Just like my experience as a student, the path wasn't necessarily the easiest, but I was motivated by my fellow classmates and, of course, the end result...a degree. I graduated from the ALB program with a concentration in Social Sciences. Over the course of 4 years, I completed the degree requirements while working full-time at Harvard Medical School as an Administrative Coordinator. Like many Extension School students, I understand the dedication it takes to go to school while working and having a family.

Professionally, I have had the opportunity to have roles that have prepared me for this opportunity. Now, I work as a Recruiting Specialist for an urban public school district. I work with those just beginning their teaching careers or transitioning into a new role. I enjoy having the opportunity to meet new people and make lasting relationships.

Joining the Board of Directors as the Director of Recruitment is an exciting opportunity. My time at the Extension School was something I cherish. I'd like to have the opportunity to make connections with the large and diverse Extension School community utilize our varied experiences to the make the school better for current students.