



Donielle Gerrell was born and raised in Thousand Palms, California. In 2015, she graduated from the Digital Arts Technology Academy, DATA, at Cathedral City High School. She was an active participant within the academy's involvement inside of the community. Donielle served as member within the DATA SkillsUSA team, competing at a national level. She also received many awards and recognition for numerous films including two White House Student Film Festival Honorable Mentions in both 2014 and 2015. One of the many highlights of her high school experience was attending the 2014 Ford Next Generation Learning National Conference in Louisville, KY, as a National Student representing the Coachella Valley. Donielle is excited to now be attending the 2016 Ford NGL National Conference being hosted here in the Coachella Valley as an alumni this October.

After graduating high school, Donielle currently attends California State University of San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus as a Communications major. She plans on graduating in 2019 then will enter the teaching credential program. Donielle is active on campus as she is part of the Student Ambassadors program and multiple clubs.

Off campus, Donielle works for DIGICOM Learning Institute with Palm Springs Unified School District as an Instructor and Elementary School Coordinator. She teaches teachers and students about digital storytelling and how to implement the tool within core-classes. Donielle also volunteers for the Coachella Valley Autism Society, providing childcare services during monthly parent nights.

Teaching within the Coachella Valley is Donielle's ultimate goal. She believes that her school, work, and community is the key to her success and she is excited to see what her future holds for her.