Maretta McDonald is a fourth year Doctoral Candidate who is loved by many. Maretta received her Bachelor’s degree from Southeastern University in Criminal Justice, minoring in Sociology and a Master’s in Applied Sociology before being recruited to Louisiana State University with high regards. During her time here, Maretta has made an impact on numerous students with her “fmentorship” and vast array of knowledge. She is a current SREB Fellow and has given several presentations on her work using various methods to research the lived experiences of Black people. Her primary research is an intersectional examination of child support enforcement policy on fathers. Maretta is a talented race, gender, crime and family scholar, who recently presented a panel with four other Black scholars at the Association for Black Sociologists in New York earlier this semester. After presenting this panel for the second time, these five women were internationally recognized by the woman of the hour herself, Belcalis Marlenis Almanzar (Cardi B). She retweeted a post by her national fan club in surprise and gratitude at the hard work and tenacity of these women who examined her impact and representation of broader social issues. Maretta is currently a part of several writing groups and continues to be a guide to her many fentees, all while working to finish her doctoral proposal. She will be teaching AAAS 2410 Black Popular Culture in the Spring of 2020.

She is kind, she is smart and she is important. She is Maretta.

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