



Alexandra Lawrence , Spelman College- c/o 2016, sociology



Name : Alexandra Lawrence
Your HBCU : Spelman College
Graduation Year : 2016
Major : sociology

1. Where are you from? Who introduced you to HBCUs?*

I am from Atlanta, GA. My whole family has always done HBCUs. Always. I am a 4th generation Spelmanite. It's in my blood.



Alexandra pictured alongside Dr. Andrea Lawrence (her grandmother), the Chair of the Computer Science Department at Spelman College

2. Why did you choose an HBCU over a pwi?*

I chose an HBCU because of tradition and because I went to a predominantly white school for 6 years. Although the academics were great and the teachers were wonderful, I wasn't taught how to be a successful black woman. Just how to be a successful woman (it was an all girls' school).

3. What is the story of your "experience" at Your HBCU given its heralded status as a stellar and prestigious institution?*

All of my Spelman sisters have been extremely supportive and caring. So has the faculty and staff. The family feeling that is throughout the AUC (Atlanta University Center) as a whole has been so supportive and loving.



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4. "First time" experiences at your HBCU?*

N/A

5. Who are the professors that have impacted your life in and out of the classroom? How did they do that?*

All of my anthropology and sociology professors have been great. They encourage me to be my best and they provide a safe environment in which I can do so.