



Chaquetta Walker, Grambling State University- c/o 2013, Social Science



Name : Chaquetta Walker
Your HBCU : Grambling State University
Graduation Year : 2013
Major : Social Science

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

I was born and raised in Pontiac, Michigan about 25 miles North of Detroit. As stated previously, my oldest sister was an Alumni of an HBCU as well as some of my favorite high school teachers.



Chaquetta Walker, proud HBCU Alum of Grambling State University (c/o 1996)

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

I never intended on attending a PWI. My oldest sister attended and graduated from Tennessee State University and I knew I would follow in her HBCU footsteps.



Dr. Loretta Walton Jagers won the NAFEO award

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

My experience allowed me to grow independently without my parents being there to guide me hands on, I was able to keep my eyes on the prize with other African American students who were all there for the same purpose, and create everlasting friendships.

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?*

Dr. Jagers introduced me to the world of Children's Literature in which I have a love for today. Dr. Thomas inspired us by connecting his students to such greatness as Dr. Loraine Monroe, Marva Collins, and Juwanza Kunjufu. Learning about the impact these people have made in the field of Education, made me yearn to do the same. I hope as an Educator, I have equally made the same

impact on my students. Dr. Newman was the most compassionate and passionate professor I've had. Her desire to produce productive Educators showed how much she cared not only for the profession but for us. She took the time to know us outside of the classroom as well, which proved how authentic she was in showing us that she cared for us. Expecting greatness from each and every one of her students made me work harder to be the teacher she "trained" me to be. Ten years after graduation I arrived at homecoming early just to make sure I could visit her. When she opened the door, she greeted me by my first and last name. That brought tears in my eyes just to know that she still remembered me and not just my face.

6. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

I remember us going to Ruston for the buffet at Shoney's quite often. However, the best place to eat near campus was none other than Tasty's Chicken. Where else could a broke college student get a 2 piece and a roll for \$1.25?? (Sadly, after 2010 Tasty's closed down!)

7. College crush?

Hmmmm this is interesting. I will withhold his name but I will say I ran into him at homecoming this year and I felt like a little freshman all over again. LoL