



## Joseph Beard, Jackson State University- c/o 2013, History



**Name :** Joseph Beard

**Your HBCU :** Jackson State University

**Graduation Year :** 2013

**Major :** History

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

St. Louis, MO. My father went to Jackson State, my mother to Spelman College. My maternal grandfather went to North Carolina A&T and my maternal grandmother went to Bennett.



Joseph Beard suited up playing for the "Sonic Boom" | Image Credit: Joseph Beard

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

Family tradition, and I am a BandHead so I was going to march in one of the marching bands.

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

N/A



Joseph Beard, proud graduate of Jackson State University (Class of 2001) | Image Credit: Joseph Beard

**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. Denoral Davis and he flunked me. I missed too many days in one of his classes and he flunked me. I tried to plead my case and he held to his guns. It was the way he did it, not in a bad way and I saw that he wanted me to do well but he could not give me anything. It made me want to make it right with him.

**6. What sports do/did you play at your HBCU? What positions?\***

N/A

**7.**

N/A

**8. What sports and/or extra curricular activities did you do in High School? And why?**

Track, Basketball, Band, community service. Track because my friends were into it and I won the state triple jump my senior year.

**9. College crush?**

One girl in the J Settes, and one girl who was a Delta.

**10. Who invited you to interview with us?**

N/A

**11. Your wildest moment at college?**

N/A

**12. What is your funniest college story? (everyone has one lol)**

N/A