



## **Joshua Veasley, Alabama State University- c/o 2016, Industrial and Systems Engineering**



**Name :** Joshua Veasley

**Your HBCU :** Alabama State University

**Graduation Year :** 2016

**Major :** Industrial and Systems Engineering

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

Im from Riverdale, GA. I learned about HBCUs through my teachers many who were graduates of such.



Honda Battle of the Bands: Riverdale High Alumni

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

I came for the culture and enviornment. I wanted to see black people together in a positive setting. I want to be proud of my culture and learn from it.



Mighty Marching Hornet saxophone player

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

Opportunity is here. That is not just a slogan for marketing but a true fact. I meet people and participated in activities that are not available at most PWIs or their versions are not focused to my likes and interests.

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

My first Turkey Day Classic was memorable. I saw alumni from generations ago, and shared a tradition that I could be proud of. Marching into the stadium and hearing the roar of fans.

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

Dr. Ashbourne and Dr. Oliver both have been big influences. I learned goals are possible and that I can reach a larger community than my original scope.