



Kiara Kyle, Winston-Salem State University- c/o 2013, Nursing



Name : Kiara Kyle

Your HBCU : Winston-Salem State University

Graduation Year : 2013

Major : Nursing

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

I was born in Decatur, Georgia. I then relocated to Wilmington, Delaware and finally settled in Greensboro, North Carolina about 7 years ago. My parents introduced me to all things I know about HBCUs.



Kiara on her way to attend a ceremony for the new members of the “Black Women for Change” organization

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

My parents instilled in me the importance of HBCUs. My mother attended Tuskegee University, but obtained her degree from a PWI. She always speaks of how she regrets not staying at her HBCU. My father only ever attended a PWI and if he could go back and do it again, he says he would attend a HBCU.



Kiaras' Father and Sister (a student at FAMU) showing love for HBCUs!

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

I've experienced tremendous school pride and people that really care about you, just as I thought I would. I've experienced some of the worst things and people of my life and some of the best. WSSU is everything I thought it would be and more. I've gained life experiences that I never could of anywhere else.

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?*

I just completed my first year so I've only had so many professors. So far, the professor that stands out the most to me is Dr.Boone. He takes a special interest in making sure you leave with more than just a degree, with real knowledge. He challenges you to actually think; not just to do the work, but to fully understand it. He's especially hard on his African-American male students, but

pushes his African-American females also because he knows that we're competing with people that were born more privileged than us just because of their skin color. I had a problem and he's the only person at WSSU, I felt like I could go to. I'll forever be grateful for that.

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

I rarely go to our cafeteria, but the pizza is great. The Ram Shack and Java City are the best places to eat on campus. I love the smoothies in Java City and the Philly cheese steak in the Ram Shack. There's supposed to be more restaurants added in our new Student Union Center that should be up and fully running any day now. We're getting a Popeyes and we'll have Subway still.

7. College crush?

I don't really have one. My major, Nursing has all my attention. I think I'm in love lol.