



## **Lester Holmes, Wilberforce University- c/o 2013, Mass Communications**



**Name :** Lester Holmes

**Your HBCU :** Wilberforce University

**Graduation Year :** 2013

**Major :** Mass Communications

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

I'm from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Born and raised (Go Steelers!). I first heard of HBCU's by watching a show called "A Different World." I wanted to go to Hillman.



Dr. Tanya M. Morah, Associate Professor of Communications at Wilberforce University | I

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

My main motivation was my desire to leave Pittsburgh. I love my hometown but I needed change.

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

Wilberforce is my family. There isn't a day that goes by where I'm not in communication with someone affiliated with Wilberforce. That "family" experience is unique to HBCU's. I think you would have to attend one to fully grasp the concept of the family bond we have with one another. I grew up there and I became a man on that campus. Wilberforce gave me the marketable skills necessary to compete in the workplace with anyone.

**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?\***

It's hard to choose just one. There were several that left a positive impact on my life. Dr. Tanya Morah, taught me that laziness will not be rewarded or tolerated. Professor Barnes taught me the "X's and O's" of journalism, but the one person who really left an impact is Dr. James Arthur Williams, then Professor of Choral Music at Wilberforce. ( I was a member of the Wilberforce University Choir.)

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

The best restaurants were in the dorms. We had guys who would cook 7-course meals on hot plates and sell them.

**7. College crush?**

She knows and that's all that matters.