



## **Mariah Ragland, Fisk University- c/o 2016, Business Administration**



**Name :** Mariah Ragland  
**Your HBCU :** Fisk University  
**Graduation Year :** 2016  
**Major :** Business Administration

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

Knoxville, TN My school took the junior and senior students on a college tour to about 5 HBCUs in the south. That was the second college tour I'd ever taken and the first was an HBCU college tour also.



Socialite, FiskU Student, and Talented Turntable Artist Mariah Ragland |

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

Since pre-school, I have always attended a predominately black school because they were the schools in my community. I grew up with the same kids that knew me my whole life. Leaving everyone for college, I wanted to make sure that even though I would be alone (in Nashville from Knoxville) that I wouldn't feel alone, or like a minority. Going to a majority black school was familiar to me and while I branched out to another community, another city, it still felt like home.



R&B Legendary singer and songwriter Jeffrey Osborne visiting WFSK FM

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

Fisk University keeps the students updated with potential internships all the time. We also have seminars and lectures happening around campus all time for whatever major we have. We are also ready to enter the workforce with appropriate dress-code because Fisk most definitely sets the standard on dress-code and appropriate conduct.

**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?\***

N/A

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

Fisk University has a place to eat when students don't want ordinary cafe food. They can eat in the school's subshop, which serves hot foods such as turkey burgers, chicken phillys, hamburgers, blackbean veggie burgers, delicious fries and more!