



## **NaToya Dingle, South Carolina State University- c/o 2011, Psychology**



**Name :** NaToya Dingle

**Your HBCU :** South Carolina State University

**Graduation Year :** 2011

**Major :** Psychology

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

It was an opportunity for me to be with and learn from people that looked like me...that shared my experiences. I was no longer a minority or a quota/seat filler...I became a person with a bright future. While at SCSU, I was allowed and encouraged to try new things and make mistakes in order to be a better version of me. College prepared me for life. It didn't hurt to attend the only HBCU with the stellar Marching 101!!!!

### **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. Dot Brown (history) was my favorite professor because she ALWAYS encouraged me to think outside of the box...to push all limits! I do believe that she helped me to find a way to express my creative side. She seemed to believe in her students and want the best for us.

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

I enjoyed going to 1058 Grille in downtown Orangeburg because they had inexpensive hot dogs with the BEST cole slaw on this side of anywhere! I was told that they have since closed down which is sad because their food was great and the prices were awesome too.

## **7. College crush?**

I had the same boyfriend on and off all during college so I really did not get to crush on anyone else.