



**Quincy Wheaton, Grambling State University- c/o 2016, Mass
Communications**



Name : Quincy Wheaton

Your HBCU : Grambling State University

Graduation Year : 2016

Major : Mass Communications

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

I am from Houston, Texas. I was first introduced to HBCUs from being around my mother's side of the family. Our family consists of a number of HBCUs including, Grambling State University, Southern University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Prairie View A & M University.



Quincy Wheaton walking to class on the GSU campus

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

I knew I wanted to go to an HBCU because I just wanted that feeling of being surrounded by people that look just like me, and the feeling of nothing but black heritage, culture, and history. I knew I wouldn't be able to receive the same experience I have thus far from being at Grambling State University, at a PWI.

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

Before coming to Grambling State University, I knew I wanted to make a big name for myself there. The initial plan was to be a drum major, leading the "World Famed" Tiger Marching Band, but I didn't stick with band after I graduated from high school. I came to Grambling just showcasing my talent of dancing and that was how I was initially seen around campus. As the years went on, I matured a bit and changed up my style of how I dressed and presented myself, from sweats, Chucks {Chuck Taylor's}, durags, and fitted caps, to tailored suits, suspenders, wingtips and oxfords. Meeting Erykah Badu for the first time at Grambling was truly amazing. I'll never forget anything about that day. Erykah was set to perform for our Homecoming concert, and I had

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

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

Two professors that have impacted me in and out of the classroom, are two of my mass comm. teachers, Mr. Santoria Black, and Mr. Alan Blakeney. These two teachers have managed to teach me more about the media field than I was planning to get out of it. With my concentration as broadcasting, I was strictly focusing on just working on the radio, but with these two teachers, I was able to learn so much more. I can work in front of a camera, and behind, work the audio controls, edit videos and so much more useful information I can take with me. It was Mr. Black who provided me with my first internship working at a radio station and being able to use my voice. They're more than teachers, but mentors, that manage to leave an impact on you.