



## Shaudaè Moore, Jackson State University- c/o 2016, Biology



**Name :** Shaudaè Moore

**Your HBCU :** Jackson State University

**Graduation Year :** 2016

**Major :** Biology

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

I am a native of Mississippi, born in Clarksdale but my community is so small I have to say I'm from Charleston, MS. However I grew up in Waterloo, IA. I was introduced to HBCUs through the UNI Upward Bound Program.



Shaudaè Moore and Friends

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

Initially I attended University of Iowa, but honestly I didn't see myself succeed academically. So I made the decision to attend JSU which was my first choice. There is where I knew I could be myself instead of just my student number. I could relate to my peers and not being made to feel the pressure of succeeding because I was 1 of a few black students in a predominantly white class. At JSU I could excel as an individual.



Violinist Virtuoso Shaudaè Moore

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

The Honors college (at Jackson State University) just made the difference, it keeps me grounded. My advisors have continuously cared about my matriculation. So they pass me (see me) like I am their daughter. Through them I stay connected with my peers so we can study and help each other in passing our courses.

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

When I came to JSU I admittedly applied to the W. E. B. DuBois honors college, and in doing that was how I met a bunch of amazing ladies that I am friends with to this day. They saw me for who I was and always encouraged me to conquer my passion. Which helped me go out to become a plus size model.

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

Mrs. Rachel Jordan made such a wonderful impact on my life. She was my applied violin teacher and String Ensemble conductor. I went through so much of a rollercoaster of emotion when my world seemed to crumble around me to dealing with my health because I was always hurt or sick.