

**Sherman Hawkins, Johnson C. Smith University- c/o 2013, Criminal Justice**



**Name :** Sherman Hawkins  
**Your HBCU :** Johnson C. Smith University  
**Graduation Year :** 2013  
**Major :** Criminal Justice

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

I am from a small town called Halifax in the state of Virginia. I have known about HBCU's my whole entire life because both my parents attended an HBCU (St. Paul's College)



Sherman doing his part for the Global Majority community as a member of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity

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

Many reasons like I was in marching band and when I went to HBCU homecomings I would always picture myself breaking it down on the field during Half-time and also because I wanted to experience how it would feel like to be at a HBCU.



English Professor, Dr. Davenport of Johnson C. Smith University

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

My experience was Wonderful. I wouldn't have changed anything about it in the world. I went to my HBCU for 4 years, Did Marching band and concert band for all 4 years. I pledged into a fraternity my junior year (Iota Phi Theta). Made outstanding friends and learned a lot about myself as a black man and as a future leader in my community.

**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?\***

This is a hard question to answer because all of my professor helped shaped me into the person I am today but if I had to pick it would be Dr. Davenport because I remember back in my freshmen year I was slacking off and she pulled me to the side and told me this: "You need to get it together before I call your mama because you slacking off".

**6. What sports and/or extra curricular activities did you do in High School? And why?**

For a short time I ran track because I loved to run epically the 800. And also I was in Marching, and Concert Band in high school and I just loved music.

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

Cookout!!! I would always get the chicken tender tray with hush puppies and fries with a Huge Sweet Tea with BBQ Sauce

### **8. College crush?**

Can't tell you that....she might be reading this :-).