



## **Tommy Meade Junior, Central State University- c/o 2013, Journalism & Mass Communications**



**Name :** Tommy Meade Junior

**Your HBCU :** Central State University

**Graduation Year :** 2013

**Major :** Journalism & Mass Communications

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

I was born in Dayton, Ohio (Home to the Dayton African-American Institute) and grew up there and in Knoxville, Tennessee where I picked up some southern charm.



Students discussing their strategy and approach for their show idea

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

I chose to attend a HBCU over a PWI because the former seemed more like a challenge and plus, watching the film *Stomp The Yard* encouraged me to be around successful people who looked like me instead of being everyone's "black friend".

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

Though I'm not the first person in my family to attend a HBCU [one of my uncles went to Morehouse], I am and will be the first person in my immediate family to attend and graduate from college. At the top of my head, the best lesson I've learn so far from my HBCU experience is not to limit myself because of my skin color.

**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?\***

An English professor now specialist at the university by the name of Conrad Zagory continues to leave a good impression on me. Funny, warm and helpful, I think that every minority college student need someone like him around.