



Tracie Christian, Central State University- c/o 2013, Real Estate



Name : Tracie Christian

Your HBCU : Central State University

Graduation Year : 2013

Major : Real Estate

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

I was born and raised in Detroit, MI. While attending Pershing High School, the people to first introduced me to HBCUs back in the day were my high school marching band director, Thomas Lattimore and my high school assistant principal, Ida Badger. Mrs. Badger is a Central State alum.



Dr. John "Turk" Logan Jr.

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

Our high school marching band visited Central State University to perform at their Homecoming in 1989. Before, during and well after our band's performance, I was awe-struck and instantly smitten with CSU. I was hooked from that moment on. To be fair to my mother, who wasn't too excited about my going away to school at first, I applied to Wayne State and Central. Wayne said no, however Central said come on down and it was a wrap from then on! It worked the way it was supposed to.



Accomplished Author and HBCU Alum, Tracie Christian of Central State University c/o 1996

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

Central State University introduced me to my "Adult Self", while nurturing my educational, personal and professional development in "Young Adult" phase. Taught me perseverance, ambition, self confidence and humility.

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?*

Gloria Wingard, My English Professor was the first to encourage me to embrace my love for writing. She saw the raw talent and helped me to personally cultivate it. I still use basic techniques she taught me to this day. The same is true for Elois McGuire (Speech Professor), Turk Logan (Former WCSU Station Manager), and the list goes on and on.

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

No sports. I was Captain of the Pom-Pom Girls w/ the Marching Band because I could dance. I was also in the Choir and Dance Company

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

When I was attending Central State, The Grill was the hang out spot and had the best soft chocolate chip cookies on the planet. I used to crave a Marauder Burger at least twice a week.

8. College crush?

I married my college crush, Michael "Flav" Favors. We got together in 1994 and we married in 1999. In 2014, we will celebrate 15 years married and 20 years together. We were Student Ambassador partners at Central State '94-95 school year.