



**Tyshana Gardner, Paine College- c/o 2013, Biology**



**Name :** Tyshana Gardner  
**Your HBCU :** Paine College  
**Graduation Year :** 2013  
**Major :** Biology

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

N/A



No matter what you go through in life be just like Tyshana and PERSEVERE!

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

N/A

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

My experience is just perseverance. My freshman year I went through the kind of drama that you see on lifetime movies. Yet I got through it and came out on top. Being at Paine has taught me that my life is whatever I make it, and that I shouldn't be afraid to be myself. That it's OK to be smart and get good grades, and that you have to be independent and self driven. That no matter what it is you can make it happen.

#### 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?\*

The first would have to be my freshman advisor and Freshman prep professor Dr. Singleton. He gave me the hardest professor's my first semester and at first I thought he was trying to set me up for failure. But I realized that he gave me what I now call gateway professors. The professors that once you get an A in their class, you've opened the gateway to getting A's in almost any other class



That salad does look good! Thanks to Flickr for hosting the delicious image!

#### 6. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

There are a bunch of restaurants around Paine: Zaxby's, Church's, Wendy's, Bojangles, checkers, Burger King, KFC, McDonald's, Subway, two Chinese places and a Mexican restaurant. These are all within walking distance! I love walking to Zaxby's and getting one of those House Salads, they give you a great amount of food for the price and it ALWAYS hits the spot.