### Walter Thomas, Paine College- c/o 2020, Business Management

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Name: Walter Thomas

Your HBCU: Paine College Graduation Year: 2020

Major: Business Management

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

I am from North Chicago, Illinois. I was introduced to HBCUs by my high school.

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

I needed a better connection with my people to achieve greatness and see the hard work that our people have put in to historically create this institution

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

Being at an HBCU, let alone my HBCU, it was definitely a life changing, growing, and humbling experience. Learning to maneuver around and perfect my craft has been the main highlight of my experience.

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

I was first introduced to Royal Court and an official dance team during my freshman and sophomore year.

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

I would say, Mr. R. Wayne Woodson and Dr. Elias Etinge. These two guys have been some of the greatest inspirations at my institution. They have taught me to always strive for greatness and that I do not have the luxury to be mediocre.

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Entrepreneur / Founder

### 6. Entrepreneur? Tell us about your business.

Only Positive Films was founded on November 22, 2016 by Walter Thomas plus inspiration and Co-founder Koree Wilburn. OPF was created to distribute images, music, and graphic art to

spread appreciation of life, energy, and positivity. "The aesthetics of your life should represent inspiration to others to stay positive." - Walter Thomas (Opv Velli)

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