



Amber Crenshaw, Southern University- c/o 2020, Biology



Name : Amber Crenshaw

Your HBCU : Southern University

Graduation Year : 2020

Major : Biology

Minor : Chemistry

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

I am from Mobile, Alabama. My mother introduced me to HBCUs by being a graduate of Alabama State University.



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

I chose an HBCU over a PWI to see more people that share my skin tone trying to achieve the same goal of obtaining higher education.

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

So far, my experience at Southern University has been nothing short of amazing. I am utterly thankful that I have the opportunity to be in a supportive environment. My biology teacher became my mentor and my soror in two years. I also had the opportunity to dance on a collegiate level, which provided me with many great opportunities that I wouldn't experience in a classroom setting.

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

"Red bean Monday", the circle, the union, tail gate days, and pretty Wednesday are just a few of the guaranteed Southern experiences.

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

Ms. Johnson, a biology professor in my department, has had the biggest impact in my college journey. She kept me level headed and always looked out for me. We share a bond that I do not think I have with another professor in college. I am so grateful to have crossed paths with her. Also, Dr. Edwin Walker, for teaching me tough love. Although I did not always like what he had to say, he was right, believe it or not. He taught me that I need to work harder to get where I want to go, and just doing "good" is never enough—especially as a brown skinned young woman.

6. Are you a member of a sorority?

I am a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. This was the best decision I've made in college. I am so happy to be serving the community with my 49 beautiful sisters.