

# Anique Williams , Bethune-Cookman University- c/o 2020, Health Science/Physical Therapy



Name: Anique Williams

Your HBCU: Bethune-Cookman University

**Graduation Year: 2020** 

Major: Health Science/Physical Therapy

**Minor**: Nutrition

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

I am from the lovely city of Tampa, Florida where the sun is always shining. I was for introduced to HBCUs from my mothers coworker whose husband happens to sit on the board at my current university.



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

I chose the HBCU experience because the majority of my upbringing I have attended predominantly white schools and I believed it was time for a change. I wanted to actually view Black Excellence and immerse myself further into a piece of my culture that I was missing out on.

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

So far I have fallen head over heels in love. My current institution Bethune Cookman University prides itself on us as students "entering to learn and departing to serve" and we do just that. The black culture is a giant melting pot from the fashion, to the way we wear our hair, all the way to our points of view and being an an HBCU we get to see the magic first hand.

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

I remember my first day of class searching for the perfect outfit, the perfect hair style, all the way down to should i put on both straps from my book bag on or just one. I was a wreck but when I walked into that lecture hall and looked around, I had this moment where every nerve and butterfly had died down because I saw everyone in that room looked like me, in that second it clicked that everyone is here for the same reason I am.

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

Dr. Yosef definitely impacted me. He was my African American History teacher. To have a Black man with strong belief in our history and in our power teach a course as vital as this was

phenomenal and inspiring. In and outside of the classroom he was always teaching us to believe in ourselves and to treat ourselves as the royalty we truly are. He fed me the truth about my culture on a silver platter.



I love my campus how I love my coffee....Black??

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