



**Barbara Duncan Waits , Mississippi Valley State University- c/o 1988,  
Business Administration**



**Name :** Barbara Duncan Waits

**Your HBCU :** Mississippi Valley State University

**Graduation Year :** 1988

**Major :** Business Administration

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

I am from Schlater, MS. I was introduced to HBCUs by my high school teachers and counselors.



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

I chose an HBCU (Valley) because of its rich heritage. I received a partial scholarship and it was close to my home.

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

I loved going to Valley, I met my best friends there over 36 years ago. There was a group of us there between 1982-1988..to this day we are still close. We formed an unbreakable bond.

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

I had never been to a Greek show before...I was in awe...I also had to be a big girl...going to class and doing homework without being made to do it..

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

Dr. Kim and Dr. Ahuja...They made sure you had it or you didn't pass...

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

The Cap/Caf..Cafeteria...The fish on Friday and the fried chicken on Sunday was the bomb...

**7. Where is the "yard" located?**

The yard is in Itta Bena, MS....When I was there the plaza was the place to be...

**8. What was your happiest moment in your life to date?**

If I could go back in time, I would go back to Valley for a week maybe longer..LOL...Another thing is..our Homecomings ROCK!!!.

**9. What do you feel is most beautiful about you?**

My smile, hair and personality...

**10. What's your take on life (in the philosophical sense)?**

Love yourself....

**11. How did you overcome your nervousness about going to college?**

When I first came to Valley in 1982, I was really scared until I met my best friends Jackie and Katie...to this day we are still friends.

**12. Are you a member of a sorority?**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.