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Constance Harvey, Tougaloo College- c/o 2000, Political Science

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Name : Constance Harvey Your HBCU : Tougaloo College Graduation Year : 2000 Major : Political Science

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

Forest, MS. I am a 6th generation Tougalooian!

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Constance Harvey, proud Devastating Diva of DST | Image Credit: Constance Harvey

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

I love the family feel. [How did you decide to become a student at Tougaloo College?] I followed in my Mother's footsteps.

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

Tougaloo College provided me a gentle and accountable well rounded education. The lessons I learned like always keeping copies of important documents and always speaking to someone that you pass are still with me today!

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

First f!

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

Dr. Olabode always told me that he expected so much out of me because I was somebody. This really comforted me because I was such a shy person. I always do my best and are comforted with his confidence in anything I ever do.

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Read the Passion Driven Life by Louis F. Vargas | Image Credit: Barnes and Noble

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N/A

7. What sports and/or extra curricular activities did you do in High School? And why?

Basketball, Madrigals, Chorale, Band and Girl Scouts to socialize and make friends.

8. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

Papa Johns and bumpers! Loved chilli cheese fries and Papa Johns pizza and wings on Hwy. 15,

9. College crush? aced

10. Who invited you to interview with us? $\ensuremath{\mathrm{N/A}}$

11. Ghost stories involving buildings or spots on campus? No

12. What is your major? and Why did you choose it?

Political Science, Pre-law and Journalism because I wanted to be an international atty.

13. What to date has been your proudest moment @ Your HBCU?

Graduation

14. Where are the spots to go to if you wanted to cuddle with your boy or girlfriend? The Co-op!

15. How are you positively active on campus? (e.g. clubs, SGA, etc.) Law clubs and DST!

16. What and where are the historical places on campus?

The Brownlee Gym and Woodworth Chapel.

17. What to date has been your saddest moment at your HBCU?

When a friend transferred to Rust!

18. What situation in your life made you feel like you had arrived into woman/manhood? Passing classes with Grade A!

19. How do you deal with racism when you encounter it?

Shake my head and call on Jesus!

20. When and how did you discover your passion in life?

After Law school I read The Passion Driven Life!

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

We all are dealt cards. It is up to us to be grateful, play them wisely and to stayed prayed up in advance.

22. If you could speak to those family members that have risen but that live forever through you, what words would you speak?

Thank you for your investment to make this world better for me.

23. How did your HBCU prepare you for a diverse workplace?

I was fortunate to participate in our Tougaloo/Brown University Exchange Program and I subsequently became super confident, made lots of friends, did exceptional in my classes and ended up attending Roger Williams Law School in RI until 911 happened!

24. What advice would you give high school students filling out college applications for the first time?

Be grateful and dream!

25. If you could only speak two sentences to the youth coming after you what would you say?

Enjoy yourself but leave the college in better shape that you found it!

26. Are you a member of a sorority?

Delta Sigma Theta because I am a legacy and the public service drives were awesome!

27. How did your HBCU help you to transition into your careers workforce?

I gathered all the tools I needed to be the best, never settle for less, be a team player and never take "no" for an answer.

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