



## **Devon Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs, Claflin University- c/o 1992, Accounting**



**Name :** Devon Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs

**Your HBCU :** Claflin University

**Graduation Year :** 1992

**Major :** Accounting

**Minor :** Business Management

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

Harlem USA spent tons of summers in the south.



CEO/Business Owner Devon-Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs - Claflin College '92 | Image Credit: Devon Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs

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

My grandmother she said no college no money lml All of my friends from south kakki went there so it helped. [How did you decide to become a student at Claflin College?] All of my friends from south kakki went there so it helped

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

Wow so many, I learned that family doesn't have to be a blood relative. I have acquired lots of extra brothers and sisters from attending Claflin College. That question just had my memories going crazy

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

Road trip, Love and first college fight was in the yard during lunch Turnt Up

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

My acct. Teacher he told me you as a Blackman need to be a leader and never bow your head break down all walls



Devon-Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs during his years at Claflin College | Image Credit: Devon Amos Mccoverly-Gibbs

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

I only played basketball and Mac'd the girls Basketball because I wanted to be MJ. I was close I got Kutt by the Memphis Grizzlies in 01

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

Gotta keep it real. Sizzler and shoneys. Steak and pancakes n grits.

**8. College crush?**

Didn't have one I was very popular amongst the ladies I was their crush

**9. Ghost stories involving buildings or spots on campus?**

I was just about to say that. Definitely ghosts walking the halls in Bursars building

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

Accounting, minor Business Management I was taking those classes in High school

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

Intramural basketball season had a better crowd than the school games us New York Possie vs Crash Crew epic games

**12. Where are the spots to go to if you wanted to cuddle with your boy or girlfriend?**

Lol, well those were top secret locations for my crew to know. But seeing that I had a vehicle and my girl was a junior I had tons of off campus choices. But if you wanna know my favorite spot it was the Science building classroom 207.

**13. What are the chants heard most often at the sporting events?**

I was an athlete didn't do cheerleading even tho I didn't play college ball there

**14. How are you positively active on campus? (e.g. clubs, SGA, etc.)**

I supported everyone I went to every social event on campus concerts baseball games softball basketball etc. I should've did SGA tho regret not doing it

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

In the middle of campus closer to the girls dorms. We had it good we were next door to SCSU.

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

The auditorium and bursars bldg were very old buildings on campus

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

Leaving when my grandmother got real sick and I was the only one to care for her

**18. What situation in your life made you feel like you had arrived into woman/manhood?**

When I married my Wife and had all my children under one roof

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

I overpower it don't allow it I make them feel like the minority. I used to act like Malcom X.

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

1992 I was about to witness a massacre in my hood two gangs about to go in on each other and I stopped it. I have a true Gift from God when it comes to our youth the Gangster youth I can calm their spirits and make them drop their weapons. That's when I formed Hollywoods Sports Foundation, where I build young men and future leaders through sports.

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

It's corny but true Life is really what you make it, I worked corporate world didn't like it so I started my own and then entered again and now I enjoy it

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

Wasn't really nervousness I experienced a lot of hatred from the south guys being from NYC until they got to know me and saw I was a good dude

**23. Are you a member of a fraternity?**

I was suppose to be a QQQQQQQQQQQQQQ but had to leave. I bleed Purple and Gold

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

Thanks for showing me how to really appreciate change

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

It taught me how to create my own worth, I own three businesses right now soon to be 4. They instilled a be your own boss mindset

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

Please learn the proper way to format your essay that's the most important thing

**27. If you could only speak two sentences to the youth coming after you what would you**

**say?**

Respect those that paved the way before you and always keep those roads paved for the next who travel.

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

Business courses gave me various examples of what careers would fit me based on my attitude in class discussions and projects