

Diamond Jack, Hampton University- c/o 2012, Biology

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Name: Diamond Jack

Your HBCU: Hampton University

Graduation Year: 2012

Major: Biology

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

My hometown is Chicago, IL. My mother introduced me to a college program in high school that toured HBCU schools.

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

HBCUs teach our society about our culture as minorities in the world. It gives a clear understanding to why our parents stress college and having a degree is important. Our ancestors had to fight and march constantly to even be considered a student with higher education. Having this privilege and knowing my history, to continue higher education with young African Americans with the same goal as me, pushed me to pick an HBCU.

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

My experience was like no other. The students, professors, and community want you to succeed. HBCUs introduced me to people who were on the same career path or who were willing to help you get to where you wanted to be in life. Hampton promotes "a standard of excellence" and that is what you will receive.

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

My "first time" experiences at my HBCU that were memorable were the fried chicken and Mac and cheese Wednesday's, having curfew my freshman first semester, dancing on Ebony Fire Dance Team, and Friday's 12-2p at the student center.

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

My Coach Brint has impacted my life as a dancer. She has impacted my life through the hard work, dedication, and commitment on the team. Ebony Fire Dance Team pushed me to be a focused individual, flexible, cleaned, and overall a better dancer. Currently, my passion for dance continues as an NBA dancer.



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