



Janese Bibbs, Albany State University- c/o 2019, Biology & Chemistry



Name : Janese Bibbs

Your HBCU : Albany State University

Graduation Year : 2019

Major : Biology & Chemistry

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

I am from Chicago, Illinois. I was introduced to HBCUs my sophomore year of high school by my mentor who attended Hampton University.



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

I chose an HBCU because I saw a difference in the students that attended them than the black students who attend a PWI. They just carried themselves differently. They exuded a different type of confidence that I've come to learn stems from the pride in their universities and their history. Also, I wanted to go to be in an environment that was going to cultivate the success of so many black men and women that I aspire to have.

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

My institution is known as The "Unsinkable" Albany State University. Our sixth President Billy C. Black deemed us this after surviving a flood that should have caused my school to shut down. ASU has survived four major floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes however we are still standing. That story has played a role into our student experience at ASU. It has shown us that no matter the circumstances, we will rise. We will thrive. We will be resilient. We will be "Unsinkable."

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

One of my first time experiences was Homecoming. It's such an amazing experience. The atmosphere of the campus is completely different during Homecoming.

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

Dr. Williams and the Administrators of the Honors Programs have helped me to find scholarships, internships, and prepare me for post-graduation. They all have poured into my success as both a student and a professional. All the professors in the Chemistry Department have influenced me in some shape or form.



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

My proudest moment was becoming the 76th Miss Albany State University for the 2018-2019 academic year. It had been something I had prayed about for two years long. Becoming Miss ASU was so surreal. I couldn't believe I had finally accomplished one of my main college goals.