



Jordyn Hawkins, Hampton University- c/o 2017, Business Management



Name : Jordyn Hawkins

Your HBCU : Hampton University

Graduation Year : 2017

Major : Business Management

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

I was born in Bear, Delaware and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. My parents were the first set of individuals to explain what an HBCU was to me. My stepdad graduated from Howard and at the onset of my college search, I was primarily encouraged by my parents to apply to one of these institutions. Talks about the social scene, the gorgeous women and the academic offerings was an alluring trifecta I simply couldn't resist. [Were your guidance counselors knowledgeable about HBCUs? If not, where did you get all of your information from about the HBCUs you were thinking of attending?] My guidance counselors were minimally knowledgeable about HBCUs - throughout my college process I was always more knowledgeable than my counselors about the institutions. I obtained most of my information through online research and through conversations with both alumni and current students of the institutions to which I applied.



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

I strongly felt the need to experience something different from the predominately white school I had been attending: I wanted to be in the majority for once in my life and to create a genuine appreciation and awareness for who I am both as an individual and as an Afro-American. The positive repercussions of being the majority in an educational and social setting are strikingly evident and I certainly wanted to be able to have that experience.

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

I choose to attend Hampton University for both personal and financial reasons. On a personal level, I loved the picturesque scenery of the sea, the congeniality of the students with whom I talked, the classes I shadowed and the social atmosphere - all of which I experienced during Hampton's Honors Weekend. Hampton also offered me a near-full ride to attend, which was certainly an offer none of my other schools had given me.

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

N/A

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

N/A



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

I am a Business Management major also pursuing a Pre-Med route. I was awarded a scholarship from the business school at Hampton and the caveat is that you have to be a business major; I choose Business Management specifically so I would have the background and skillset to open a private medical practice if I wanted.

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

1. Don't be easily swayed or discouraged by another person's opinion on a college in which you're interested. You'll be much happier to find a college that fits who you are as an individual than find one that causes you to lose your identity. 2. Some schools are more generous than others in terms of how much financial aid you receive, but the bottom line is you will pay a nice chunk of the comprehensive fee, so in order to avoid paying a ton of money, search constantly for scholarships. There are scholarships for everything now, so focus on applying to ones that deal in your strengths and ones that are chosen at random. 3. Develop your ability to articulate your thoughts both orally in speech and visually on paper - these two skills are required in nearly all you do, so best to learn them early. 4. And finally, always be willing to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. You can never know where your true passion lays unless you're willing to go out on a limb to experience it.

8. What courses are you taking in high school in preparation for college? (Honours, AP, IB, electives, etc.)

[How would you describe your high school experience and environment?] I attended a small, all-male K-12 private school located in Baltimore and my high school experience was largely shaped by a selective and rigorous academic curriculum, involvement in a number of clubs and organizations and memorable times spent hanging out with my friends. [What was your GPA? ACT, SAT, etc. scores?] GPA: 3.5 SAT: 1940 [When did you send your application to the HBCU of your choice?] I sent my application to Hampton in early November to make the Early Action deadline.