



## **Justice Blanchard, Tennessee State University- c/o 2017, Criminal Justice**



**Name :** Justice Blanchard

**Your HBCU :** Tennessee State University

**Graduation Year :** 2017

**Major :** Criminal Justice

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

I'm from St. Louis, MO... I knew I always wanted to attend a HBCU. I had a cousin who attended TSU who talked me into applying.



"This is for my #1 supporter in heaven!! Thank you Mommy for everything! I love you!" | Photo Credit: Myles.Hi Photography

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

Through grade school and highschool I attended predominantly white school, I wanted to choose an HBCU because I wanted to be around more people like me.

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

EPIC, If I had to choose to do undergrad again Tennessee State would still be my top pick.

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

My first time experience was at a kickback "SET" is what they call it here at TSU was when the entire school basically fit into this brown house at the end of the street. It was so hot and you couldn't really move you would have thought the floor was going to cave in. Just a lot of music and college students. So much fun!

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

Dr. Webb from my Psychology of Black experience class. He was real chill and laid back and gave me a different perspective about being black in today's society.



"Issa Tennessee State Graduate!!" | Photo Credit: Myles.Hi Photography

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

I got the phone call that my mom died... September 2016 I wanted to give up but my mom was big

on education and I knew I had to finish strong for her.

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