



## **Kambria Ruffin, Grambling State University- c/o 2018, Public Relations**



**Name :** Kambria Ruffin

**Your HBCU :** Grambling State University

**Graduation Year :** 2018

**Major :** Public Relations

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

I am from Los Angeles, California and was introduced to HBCUs by my parents.



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

There is an overwhelming feeling of family at an HBCU. From day one, I've always felt welcomed and valued and HBCU alum continue to pave the way of black excellence in education. Plus, it is beautiful to be surrounded by educated black people, and to learn from professors who share similar experiences.

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

My experience at Grambling has been amazing. I transferred in as a junior and was a little nervous about going to a new school, but everyone was so welcoming and the transition was a lot easier than I thought it would be. My favorite thing about my HBCU is that the faculty and administration really try to better me as a person. Not only have they kept my education career in mind, but they also lift me up spiritually and provide emotional support as well. Grambling has really lived up to its motto "where everybody is somebody."

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

My first experience with an HBCU was actually attending a West Coast GSU alumni picnic with my parents when I was in high school. It was the first time I really saw how much of a family the HBCU community is.

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

Dr. Edu has a reputation of being a pretty tough professor, and honestly, it's a love/hate relationship with him, but I've learned so much from his guidance. Not only was he my research professor but he is also my academic advisor. There was a point during the semester when I felt overwhelmed by the workload he assigned and when I went to speak to him about it, he actually

assigned me more to do. He told me that whenever I thought that I couldn't do anymore, take a deep breath and push just a little further. That assignment ended up being submitted to a national research competition. He is tough, really tough, but he saw more potential in me than I saw in myself and I appreciate him so much for that.



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

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

Follow your heart and remember what you're here for. You can achieve greatness, make sure you're working towards that.