



Kari Dickens, Bethune-Cookman University- c/o 2012, Criminal Justice



Name : Kari Dickens

Your HBCU : Bethune-Cookman University

Graduation Year : 2012

Major : Criminal Justice

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

Washington DC.



The Marching Wildcats about to perform!

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

I decided to become a student at Bethune Cookman University after receiving a band scholarship to become a part of the Marching wildcats. Without my scholarship I probably would not be a part of something as great as this legacy.

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

I was very nervous going so far away from my hometown which is Washington D.C., not to mention the first to attend college in my family. I was basically entering a new environment. Joining the band has been the best decision to make. It has taught me discipline, and welcomed me with love to a very big family away from home. I managed to keep good grades, and became a part of the best sorority "Tau Beta Sigma". I never knew I would be as successful as I am now. I'm going into my senior year at Cookman, and pleased to say that my journey has only begun.

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

My first party, registered voting card, marching band performance, love... :)

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

In the criminal justice department you have many professors who strive to help all students achieve academically. All of my professors have given me qualities to last a lifetime. Bethune Cookman is very small which is a good thing because you build great bonds with your professors.



Washington, DC - Home To President Obama (Image Courtesy of Soul of America)

6. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

The Bethune Grill is the best spot near BCU. I always get 6 pc with fries oh yea and you can't forget the fresh lemonade! :)

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

I am an criminal justice major. I want to become an FBI Agent, Juvenile counselor, or Forensic Psychologist.

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

2010 Football Season.

9. Where are the spots to go to if you wanted to cuddle with your boy or girlfriend?

The best spot is the beach. You can always go there to clear your mind...or cuddle :)

10. What are the chants heard most often at the sporting events?

Hail Wildcats!!!! the band normally starts the chants!

11. How are you positively active on campus? (e.g. clubs, SGA, etc.)

I am currently a proud member of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority Inc, and I plan to be more active in the future.

12. What and where are the historical places on campus?

Mary's House which is right beside the library, as well as her grave site.

13. What to date has been your saddest moment at your HBCU?

My saddest moment was when my fellow band member "freshman brother" passed away. His smile always brightened up your day. He is truly missed.

14. How did you overcome your nervousness about going to college?

I actually wasn't nervous at all. I wanted to get away. I love my family, but I knew that it was time to start my life. I didn't really have a choice either. I am in college to help myself and family, they deserve the best.