LaKeitha Merritt, Alabama A & M University- c/o 2023, Computer Science

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Name: LaKeitha Merritt

Your HBCU: Alabama A & M University

Graduation Year: 2023 **Major**: Computer Science **Minor**: Entrepreneurship

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

Saint Louis, Missouri. My parents introduced me to HBCUs at a young age and I've been fascinated with them ever since.

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

I chose a HBCU over a pwi because it was more about what i wanted to experience during my college years. About the connections i want to make with black millennials and people who think just like me.

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

n/a

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?*

Dr. Alicia Smith-Leathers. She has been another mother to me since my junior year of high school. She took me under her wing and allowed me to become someone who I can depend on for advice and someone I can look up to. She tells me the real and doesn't hold back.

6. What sports and/or extra curricular activities did you do in High School? And why?

Apart of many clubs and orgs at school. • Student Council • Gay/Straight Alliance • College Ambassador • College Ambassador Mentor • Senior Class President • Gamers Club • Computer Science Club • Yearbook • Tech Crew

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