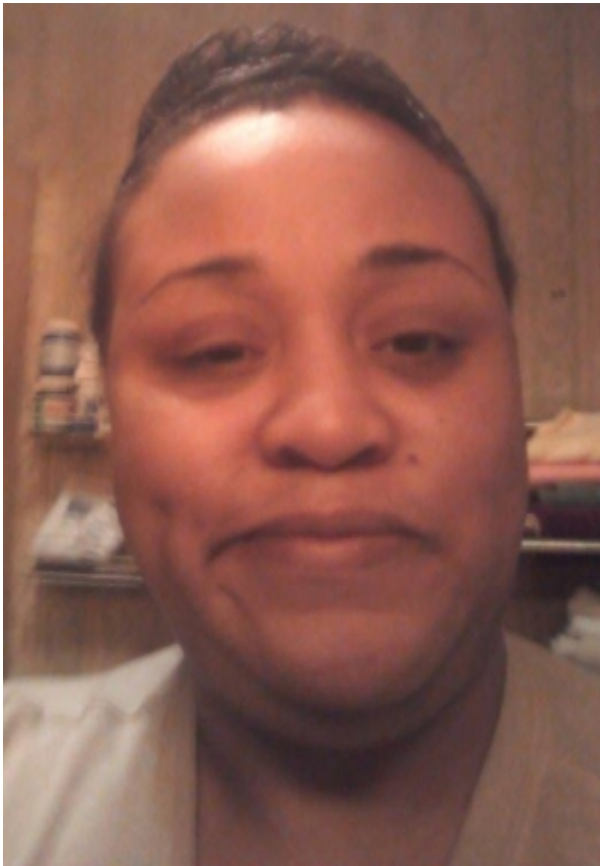




**LaTanya ONeal, Grambling State University- c/o 1993, Office Administration**



**Name :** LaTanya ONeal

**Your HBCU :** Grambling State University

**Graduation Year :** 1993

**Major :** Office Administration

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

I was born in Chicago, Il and grew up in Mansfield, La. My mother and some of my elementary and high school teachers are Gramblibites.



HBCU Alum, LaTanya ONeal, a proud graduate of Grambling State University '93 | Image Credit: LaTanya O'Neal

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

I have always wanted to be a Gramblinite every since my mother would take me to the Grambling games in Shreveport, La. [How did you decide to become a student at Grambling State

University?] After checking out my major and it offered a lot of business classes I was interested in. My major was office administration.

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

I got a chance to get to know people from different parts of the US and other countries.

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

I got a chance to work for legendary coach Eddie Robinson and coach Fred Hobdy who was once the winningest coach in La college basketball.

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

I do not remember his name but he was from Africa and that was the first time I had met someone from Africa.

**6.**

N/A

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

Future Business Leaders of America and Future Homemakers of America.

**8. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?**

I did a lot of cooking in the dorm before I moved off campus.

**9. College crush?**

I did not have one.

**10. Who invited you to interview with us?**

N/A

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

Learn all you can. Keep God first.

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

Go to Grambling. It is located in a small town with low crime.

**13. How did your HBCU prepare you for a diverse workplace?**

Because there were White people and other people at Grambling, I got a chance to learn how to accept others at school that carried over in the work place.

**14. If you could speak to those family members that have risen but that live forever through you, what words would you speak?**

Thanks for praying and supporting me.

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

I was never nervous. I got a chance to visit Grambling on high school day. Plus there were a lot of homies there.

**16. What's your take on life (in the philosophical sense)?**

Live life like it's golden.

**17. When and how did you discover your passion in life?**

My grandmaw started me to taking organ lessons. I am now the Sunday School musician.

**18. How do you deal with racism when you encounter it?**

Pray.

**19. What situation in your life made you feel like you had arrived into woman/manhood?**

Having my two daughters.

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

Leaving my friends but thanks to facebook we now keep in touch.

**21. What and where are the historical places on campus?**

The different buildings that were named after famous black people.

**22. Where is the "yard" located?**

Grambling, La.

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

Baptist student union choir, student union board.

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

GSU rocks the house.

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

In the lobby of the dorm.

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

Being accepted and graduating.

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

Office Administration. I love the business world.

**28. Ghost stories involving buildings or spots on campus?**

No.

**29. Are you a member of a sorority?**

I did not pledge AKA like my mother. I became an Eastern Star ( sister to the masons) like my grandmaw.

**30. How did your HBCU help you to transition into your careers workforce?**

One professor would tell us to dress up and wear heels to class to get use to it so we will already be use to heels .