



## **Lynn Willis, Cheyney University- c/o 1991, Communications**



**Name :** Lynn Willis

**Your HBCU :** Cheyney University

**Graduation Year :** 1991

**Major :** Communications

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

I am from Chicago, IL, and I was introduced to HBCUs by my high school counselor.



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

My grandparents trusted the coaches to care for me as an athlete.

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

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania helped me grow as a person. I learned how to balance and excel as a full school load, volleyball player, and Air Force Reservist.

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

I had never visited the East Coast so the rolling hills were a challenge and the New England students were different. I found my voice.

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

Professors Livsey and Bagley were women who demanded greatness from me. If I turned in less than stellar work, they wouldn't accept it.



### **6. What sports do/did you play at your HBCU? What positions?\***

Volleyball outside hitter

### **7. What to date has been your proudest moment @ Your HBCU?\***

Graduation

### **8. What to date has been your happiest moment @ Your HBCU?\***

When I realized I completed my degree a semester early, I was elated.

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

I wrote for the school newspaper and worked with student government

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

The day I made enough money to send home to my cancer stricken mother.

**11. What elders do you look to for guidance?**

My grandparents were my guiding posts.

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

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.