



## **Maia Newhouse, Paine College- c/o 2021, Mass Communications**



**Name :** Maia Newhouse

**Your HBCU :** Paine College

**Graduation Year :** 2021

**Major :** Mass Communications

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

I was born in Indiana but, raised in Atlanta. My old high school band director introduced me to HBCUs because he graduated from FAMU.



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

The experience, not to say a PWI is bad but its nothing being around other black people who are striving for excellence. If you can make through as an undergraduate student at HBCU, you can go anywhere.

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

My "experience" has been nothing short of amazing. My school was actually just recovering from a lot of media snags which I had no clue until I got there. I was concerned that I almost didn't come but when I actually stepped on campus it was like the total opposite. People actually care and want you to be successful.

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

My first time at Paine was my move-in date and my goodness it was fun. We had a cook-out as soon as we finished unpacking then SGA threw a party later that night. That was a night that was super dope.

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

I will say, Dean Woodson, because he is consistent. He works tirelessly to make sure everything involving the students day to day life is amazing. Also, he never gave up on me when my grades weren't the best. Somehow he saw potential in me and pulled it out.



