



Monaé Howard, Dillard University- c/o 2016, Political Science



Name : Monaé Howard

Your HBCU : Dillard University

Graduation Year : 2016

Major : Political Science

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

I am from Pass Christian, MS. I was introduced to HBCUs in high school at the college fair.



Monaé Howard looking towards the future as she embarks on her journey to become an attorney for the US Air Force

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

Actually, an HBCU was not my first choice. I was enrolled to attend Loyola University in New Orleans, a PWI, for sports, but strangely enough they sent me a letter the week before classes started stating I was suppose to attend summer school. I had no prior knowledge of this, so I was told to attend a University for a semester and transfer to Loyola. I was like "Okay Monaé you have to find a school to go to for a semester." I chose Dillard University. I did not plan on staying at Dillard, but the family atmosphere and the love I felt from faculty, staff, and my peers made me stay. Staying is still the best decision I have ever made.

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

A Dillard University experience is not anything one would find anywhere else. It is truly what you make it. Dillard University is my home away from home. I have people at my university I know I can call if anything goes wrong or I'm having problems in my personal life and academically. I have made some amazing friends that I have grown with and love like they were blood sisters and brothers. I love my HBCU experience. I love the opportunities my university offers from spending the summer at The University Of Houston Law Center for a Pre-Law program to attending conferences in Washington, D.C to broaden my perspectives on different cultures. Dillard has provided me with so much experience in my field of study and for my future career. I do not believe that any other school could have done this for me.



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

I am from conservative Mississippi where not a lot goes on, including not knowing much about black history. Being at Dillard University, it was my first time to truly learn about myself. I was able to lead others on campus, learn about my culture and history in depth.

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

Dr. Gary Clark is my all time favorite professor at Dillard. He is real laid back and wants all of his students to succeed. He allowed for us students to participate in local campaigns, and he constantly let my colleagues and I know no matter what, a Dillard Political Science student is the best student.