



Nick Birdsong, Florida A & M University- c/o 2006, Journalism & Mass Communications



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Your HBCU : Florida A & M University

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Major : Journalism & Mass Communications

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

I'm from Tampa, Fla. I have four older sisters and an older brother. Our family used to attend the Florida Classic; FAMU's annual rivalry game against Bethune-Cookman when it was still played in Tampa. We'd always sit on FAMU's side, cheer for the Rattlers and of course the Marching 100. So, that was my first association with HBCUs.



The "Set"

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

Honestly, I didn't look at it like I was choosing an HBCU over a PWI. I considered going to USF (University of South Florida) but FAMU was the right fit for me.



Fresh plate

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. Natalie King-Pedroso -I took her in two or three honors classes in English and never got an "A". She didn't grade everyone on the same scale.

6. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

On-Campus: The Cafe, especially on fried chicken day or the Orange room. On Set Fridays, this student ministry sold barbecue plates with baked beans and unlimited lemonade for like \$3. One

of my boys and I used to skip class and post up while eating and see what was to be seen on Fridays all the time. And of course, every Rattler knows about the legendary Soul Train who sold overpriced juices and snacks on campus, but you could't help but patronize him in the 100-plus degree weather while you're walking clear across campus.

7. College crush?

I had more than one but they shall forever remain nameless (Jay-Z voice).