



## **Nzingha Bomani, Dillard University- c/o 2016, Biology**



**Name :** Nzingha Bomani

**Your HBCU :** Dillard University

**Graduation Year :** 2016

**Major :** Biology

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

I am from Shreveport, Louisiana and It was always a known fact in my household that every child would attend an HBCU. Being the eldest of five, I was the first to “leave the nest” and the first to undergo the HBCU experience. I applied to six colleges during my junior and senior year combined. Out of those six, five were HBCUs (Spelman College, Tennessee State, Xavier University, Dillard University, and Philander Smith).



Nzingha Bomani of Dillard University , c/o 2018

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

I chose an HBCU, because I have always been fond of my people and have always had an aspiration to go to a college and be surrounded by people who look like me, talk like me, and act like me

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

I have had a very fulfilling and eventful time at the illustrious Dillard University. I have been given a plethora of opportunities that ,honestly, I don't think I could get at any other college or university. I have made life long friends, have been a lead ambassador of an organization, have been in the process of creating my own natural hair club, have received a position on the Student Leadership Board as a way to help incoming freshman, and have somehow found a way to maintain academic success. Dillard, although very expensive, is worth every last penny. The experience is one of a kind.



Nzingha Bomani, Proud Student of Dillard Universit

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

- It was my first time as the head ambassador/president of an organization (Andrew Goodman Foundation) - A second-year Dean list member - A member of my college's Honors Program - Member of the biology Honor Society (Beta Beta Beta), The Biology Club, The Pre-Med Club, and The National Society of Leadership and Success

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

A professor that has impacted me was my Microbiology Professor, Dr. Eric Buckles. Not only was he a challenging professor, but he taught me that nothing comes easy. He was also able to get me opportunities for internships and opportunities for clubs and honor societies that had some relation to Biology or the STEM department as a whole. After completing his class, I not only received a B letter grade and a new insight on hard work and dedication, but I also became a member of many organizations designated to my major.