



Paris Strother , Tuskegee University- c/o 2016, Therapy



Name : Paris Strother

Your HBCU : Tuskegee University

Graduation Year : 2016

Major : Therapy

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

Coming from Tuscaloosa, AL, home of Stillman College, that was really the only HBCU I knew about growing up. Soon after I got in high school I learned more about other HBCUs through my experiences in the marching band.



Proud TU Alum and Tau Beta Sigma Member (8TAILDAWG), Paris Strother of Tuskegee University, Class of 2016

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

Honestly, an HBCU wasn't my 1st choice. I was determined to play college basketball and I felt like D1 was the best path for me to go. Fortunately, God had other plans for me and that landed me right at Tuskegee. They were giving me MORE scholarship money than the PWIS I was accepted to and since I wasn't going to be playing ball, I knew I was going to be in the band and the PWI band life just wasn't my cup of tea. So I guess going to Tuskegee was my desTAUny.



Proud TU Alumnus, Paris Strother in full uniform as a former member of the Tuskegee University Marching Crimson Pipers Band

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

The Tuskegee Experience is like no other and if you have ever been there on a hot football Saturday afternoon, I believe you can attest to that.

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

Hmmm...I had a number of first time experiences at my HBCU, and most of them came from being in the band. My 1st couple of years in the Marching Crimson Piper Band we traveled all over the US. I took my first trip out of the south with the band, which was something that I never would have imagined doing. My 1st home game performing as a college musician was one of the best moments of my life. I just remember marching in and the crowd was going wild and saying chants I had never heard before!

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

My program director Dr. Jannett Lewis-Clark has really been the one to impact my life. Although she was a stickler about A LOT it was really with good intentions. She just wanted us to be ready for whatever came our way while she wasn't around and now I feel that I've survived Dr. Clark so I'm ready for the world!