



Tally McMillion, Alcorn State University- c/o 2020, Biology & Pre-Medicine



Name : Tally McMillion

Your HBCU : Alcorn State University

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Major : Biology & Pre-Medicine

Minor : Medicine

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

I am from Orlando , Florida and my mentor who attended Bethune Cookman University introduces me to HBCUs.



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

I didn't have too much knowledge of how a HBCU would be like. Majority of my family attended pwi's and I would be the first in my family to go to a HBCU, but I knew my experience would be different and better for me. I didn't want to just go to school, but I wanted to enjoy my experience and learn more about what all the big HBCU talk was about. I now understand what everyone was talking about, I love it more than I thought I would.

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

My experience at Alcorn is more than expected. I couldn't believe the family bond I have at Alcorn. We all have one goal in mind, and that's to see everyone succeed, and I love that about my school. We push each other to be better than our best efforts, we strive to be different. I have never seen as many innovators and creative minds working together to reach a higher goal.

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

My favorite first time experience was my freshman homecoming. I've never been to an HBCU homecoming before, so trust I had a really good time. From the different activities throughout the week and of course the food, it was beyond amazing and so uplifting to see the gathering of our people together.

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

Dr. Johnny Allen, my Oral Communications professor. He was more than a professor who just came to class and gave a lesson but he challenged our minds with creative thinking and writing. He turned our class into a mini family. Every class was almost like a therapy session a place of freeness. Nobody was judged about their stories, and we all uplifted and inspired each other. We cried with each other in class, laughed with each other, but more importantly he taught us to care for each other. I truly thank him for being more than a professor, but a professor who cared to see greater than what we saw in ourselves.



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6. What sports do/did you play at your HBCU? What positions?

I run track for Alcorn, and I do the 200m and 400m

7. How are you positively active on campus? (e.g. clubs, SGA, etc.)

Love spreading love and positivity. I serve as campus minister with two others in Brave For Christ Ministries. We do campus service every Sunday, host monthly events, and have a campus prayer every week. Loving seeing my campus grow in every aspect especially spiritually.

8. What to date has been your saddest moment at your HBCU?

The saddest moment on campus was when Regina died. She was a senior and she died in a car accident. To see the campus come together and be there for each other during that time was so comforting knowing we don't just get hype and have fun with each other, but even when the water gets rough we riding the waves together.

9. What situation in your life made you feel like you had arrived into woman/manhood?

This one is deep, but there is so much. I can't isolate my answer to one single event but the one thing I noticed that confirmed my growth was being in the presence of those who haven't.

10. What's your take on love (in the philosophical sense)?

Love is purpose, passion, and pursuit of each other's heart, mind, and soul. No matter who it is. Love is action that does not discriminate.

11. What do you feel is most beautiful about you?

Oh my mind hunnny! My mind and discernment! I am in love with the way I think, process and learn.

12. State how your own personal experience or knowledge correlates to the Ethiopian proverbs: "When one is prepared, difficulties do not come."

I don't agree with this proverb, because even when one is prepared difficulties do come. The factor of the unknown is what we can not prepare for.

13. If you could only speak two sentences to the youth coming after you what would you say?

Transformation is not overnight, all greats were once a beginner. You won't get it right everyday, but remember the goal and trust the process.