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### Tamaira Richards, Livingstone College- c/o 2018, Criminal Justice

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Name : Tamaira Richards Your HBCU : Livingstone College Graduation Year : 2018 Major : Criminal Justice Minor : Sociology

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

Hello I'm Tamaira Richards, currently residing in Aiken,SC. I am a Jamaican descendent. I always did my research on HBCU and always said I wanted to go there I just never though that I would actually get in one. Plus my brother went to one so I just knew I could get in.

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On May 29,2015 I signed to livingstone college track & field and cross country

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

I chose HBCU over pwi, because I always attend one. Nothing better than having people around you that's the same color, different personalities, and ally in common. (Not that I'm racist or anything).

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

My experience is very interesting. I been through a lot of things at this school, going out a lot of things, and witnessed a lot of things , but I never really let them things stop me from getting my education.

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

My first time coming to the school was actually fun. I knew a lot of people (I met them through group chat) , but I was connected to some of them so everyone came up to me, but I left because of the military.

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

Don't really have a professor that changed my life, but if I have to name somebody that works there I would say Mrs. Bailey changed my life, because she taught me a lot of valuable lessons. She never steered me in the wrong direction.

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