

Venita Mccollum , Saint Augustine's University- c/o 1990, Communications with a Concentration in Broadcast Media

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Name: Venita Mccollum

Your HBCU : Saint Augustine's University

Graduation Year: 1990

Major : Communications with a Concentration in Broadcast Media **Minor :** Communications with a Concentration in Broadcast Media

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

Gary, Indiana. My two Aunts. They went to Winston Salem State University and Elizabeth City State University.



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

Coming from an all predominantly black city, I knew I would soar!!

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

It was amazing!!! The best days of my life! I made life-long relationships. I gained a family away from home. I also grew a love for a city I still love to visit!!!!

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

Meeting my now best friend from New Jersey!! Omg ... the culture that she brought on the yard. Just meeting kids from all over the world. Understanding their culture and how they did things. All things from dialect to fashion to food!! She introduced me to Dapper Dan a long long time ago!!!

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

All of my communications instructors!!! They care about the future of the station at St. Aug. They went above and beyond to make sure we were ready for job placement after graduation in either radio or TV. I loved that!!



Author, Traveler, Marathon Runner, Fashionista & Mother of Superstar @Lilyachty & @ lifeasnina

6. What was your proudest moment in your life to date?

My kids! It's not easy being a single parent! When you raise kids you raise them just like you were

raised. You preach and preach and you never know if they are listening. It's not until they grow up and become famous. You realize you didn't do half bad! One down one to go! #proudmom

7. Are you a member of a sorority?

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Inc.

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