



Wanda Mays Noel, Florida A & M University- c/o 2011, Mathematics Education



Name : Wanda Mays Noel

Your HBCU : Florida A & M University

Graduation Year : 2011

Major : Mathematics Education

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

N/A

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

Mathematics Education. I always loved helping people. I did not realize that I had a true gift for math until college. I changed my major to education. From what I can not remember.

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

FAMU taught me to be the best at whatever I do. Be the best teacher, the best engineer, the best business owner. Mediocrity is not acceptable. 110% was required of everything we did and as an Alumnus, I consistently remember my experiences and the voices of my mentors, coaches and professors on "You are the best at what you do. No other can do it but you."

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

N/A

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

The one name that pops into my mind is Dr. William Brodie. He was one of my professors. I have a degree in Mathematics Education and the fact that a black man could teach math like that was awe-inspiring. I did not even know I loved math that much until I got to FAMU. Colonel Bernard Hendricks, Director of the Student Union and Activities - I can not put into words what gave to every student who came into contact with him. He was a man of honor and you became that in his presence. After my graduation, he surprised me and held a party at his home in my honor. I was shocked and surprised because I could not believe it and did not understand what I had done to deserve it. He told me that I was bright, brilliant and special. That there were very few people who could do what I had done in my college career. I served in SGA for 3 years in that time was placed in charge of transportation to all away games for the entire student body. I never knew the magnitude of this until much later.

