



William Dean, Alabama State University- c/o 2003, Physical Education



Name : William Dean

Your HBCU : Alabama State University

Graduation Year : 2003

Major : Physical Education

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

I was born and raised in Montgomery. My mom and dad introduced me to the HBCU experience.



Larry Watkins | Image Credit: media.al.com

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

My entire family attended Alabama State University. I felt it was best that I continue that tradition. One of the best decisions that I've ever made. I received two scholarship (baseball) offers. I eventually chose ASU over Jackson State because I didn't want to leave home.

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

There are so many stories that I just can't name one. I truly enjoyed the HBCU experience. If I had to sum it all up in a few words it would be: family, fellowship, and love.

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

No answer provided, on to the next question.

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

Robert Whitfield, Larry Watkins, and Derek Scott. These three gentlemen taught me the importance of appreciating ASU and supporting the people who support you. LOYALTY! Those are lifelong lessons that I carry with me to this day.



Proud HBCU Alum, William Dean of Alabama State University (c/o '03) | Image Credit: William Dean

6. Best restaurants on/near campus? Best dishes?

"Hole in the Wall"...baked chicken and rice for \$2.60

7. College crush?

Didn't have one....N/A

8. What is your major? and Why did you choose it?

My major was Physical Education. I chose it because of my deep passion for athletics.

9. Where are the spots to go to if you wanted to cuddle with your boy or girlfriend?

Didn't know of any....

10. What are the chants heard most often at the sporting events?

AS-AS-AS-ASU! Wooooo!

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

Outside of baseball and academics, didn't have much time for anything else.

12. How did you overcome your nervousness about going to college?

Hanging around my teammates. The upperclassmen were a joy to be around during my first year.

13.

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14. How did your HBCU prepare you for a diverse workplace?

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

Don't be afraid to make mistakes! PLEASE learn from your previous mistakes!

16. What advice would you give high school students filling out college applications for the first time?

Have someone go over it with you while you're doing it. There's nothing wrong with seeking advice.