



Yao Lydia, Florida A & M University- c/o 2015, Broadcast Journalism



Name : Yao Lydia

Your HBCU : Florida A & M University

Graduation Year : 2015

Major : Broadcast Journalism

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

I am from Pompano Beach, Florida and HBCUs are just a way of life in my family. My daddy went to Talladega, Prairie View and Howard. My sister went to UDC and Howard and I go to FAMU.



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

It's what was expected of me and it's a tradition in my family. PWIs don't do a well enough job of preparing blacks for today's world. I <3 My HBCU. FAMU was my 2nd choice. Howard was my 1st. I had some application errors with Howard and it was too late to re-apply when I realized this. So a recruiter from FAMU who's also a FAMU alum and a graduate of my High School came and visited in search of our top 10 students. I was in the top 40. I told her my GPA and test scores. She offered me a scholarship; Within 2 weeks I applied and within a month I was accepted.

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

FAMU has simply changed my life. It has made me a better man and I thank her for that

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

First time campaigning.

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

I really enjoyed Dr. Cohen, Ms. Sermon, Professor Reis, and Dr. Dukurugu because they taught with passion and cared about their students.



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

Oleans, Hungry Howies and a lot of fast food joints. I love Oleans the most because of their Cheese

grits and potatoes.

7. College crush?

I won't say lol.

8. Ghost stories involving buildings or spots on campus?

Yes, I've heard some stories, but I'm not sure if they're accurate.

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

Broadcast Journalism since I've been studying it since Middle School.

10. What to date has been your proudest moment @ Your HBCU?

Winning Freshman of the Year ^_^

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

THE SET!!!

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

Let's Go RATTLEERS! I Represent Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University October 3, 1887.
What????

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

I am a Rattler Wellness Ambassador, Office of Student Activities Correspondent, A member of my Dorm's Royal Court and Former Member of the Pride team, I also am the school's first Mr. Set Friday.

14. Where is the "yard" located?

The Yard is located between Coleman Library and Lee Hall.

15. What and where are the historical places on campus?

Coleman Library, Lee Hall, Gaither Gym, Foote-Hilyer Administration Building

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

The Death of Robert Champion.

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

I realized I would be free and away from my parents.

18. Are you a member of a fraternity?

I'm not saying.

19. Describe a situation from your life where this proverb came to life or occurred "The person who grew up without correction will find his mouth slipping instead of his foot."

I used to be very arrogant and it cost me a lot of opportunities.