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The 2014 HBCU All-Star Student Program  
Student Profiles

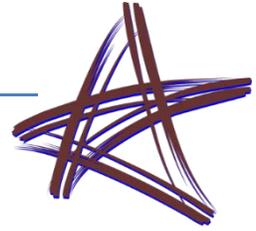
## All-Stars by School

Sharesse	Mason	Alabama A&M University
Kelcey	Wright	Albany State University
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Rodrea	Zeigler	Allen University
Jasmine	Everette	Bennett College
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Keiwan	Harris	Concordia College Alabama
Kayla	Reynolds	Delaware State University
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Valerie	Edwards	Elizabeth City State University
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Ciera	Carter	Fisk University
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Elijah	Porter	Fort Valley State University
Breonna	Ward	Grambling State University
Brooke	Battiste	Grambling State University
Whitney	Johnson	Hampton University
Vivian	Nweze	Howard University
Tyrone	Hankerson	Howard University
Jocelyn	Cole	Howard University
Candace	Chambers	Jackson State University
Jheanelle	Linton	Johnson C. Smith University
Chaundra	Bush	Kentucky State University
Stephanie	Phillips	Lane College
Beautiful- Joy	Fields	Langston University
Gilbert	Carter	LeMoyne- Owen College
Shereena	Cannonier	Lincoln University PA
LaTrice	Clayburn	Livingstone College
Ciera	Scales	Meharry Medical College
Rodney	Rice	Mississippi Valley State University
Cameron	Weathers	Morehouse College
David	Johnny	Morehouse College
Triston	Bing-Young	Morgan State University
Trevor	McKie	Morgan State University
Refugio	Banuelos	Morris College
Shakera	Fudge	North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
Leon	White	North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Victoria	Jones	North Carolina Central University
Antoine	Southern	Oakwood University
Chelsea	Fox	Philander Smith
Priscilla	Barbour	Prairie View A&M University
Larance	Carter	Rust College
Sarah	Dillard	Savannah State University
Morgan	Curry	Shelton State Community College
Harold	Rickenbacker	South Carolina State University
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Robert	Chambers	Southern University A&M College
Bria	Carrithers	Spelman College
Joseph	Wyatt	St. Augustine University
Jeraun	Pouge	Stillman College
Chuck	Stewart	Talladega College
Jeremiah	Cooper	Tennessee State University
Glenn	Johnson	Texas College
Jarrauri	Curry	Texas Southern University
Candace	Jones	Texas Southern University
Kisa	Harris	Tougaloo College
Kalauna	Carter	Tuskegee
Aneesa	Sood	Tuskegee
Abdul	Nurriddin	University District of Columbia Community College
Chanel	Banks	University Maryland Eastern Shore
So Jin	Park	University Maryland Eastern Shore
Kevin	Dixon	University of the Virgin Islands
Arogeanae	Brown	Virginia State University
Akirah	Crawford	Virginia State University
Caprichia	Moses	Virginia Union University
Georges	Guillaume	Winston Salem State University
Jade	Crutch	Xavier University Louisiana

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Kelcey C. Wright**  
**Albany State University Senior**  
**Middle Grades Education**

## About Me

I'm Kelcey Wright a native of Riverdale, Georgia. I am the youngest and only son of Harry and Beverly Wright. I'm currently a senior, Middle Grades Education major at the "Unsinkable" Albany State University. I knew early in life as the son of an educator, that I wanted to become a teacher and a leader. I observed my mother and other educators during school and admired them. I enrolled at Albany State University because of the reputation held by the university's College of Education. I enjoy learning more about how to teach others and making an impact on my community. My current GPA is 3.46.

## Current Study

Being a Middle Grades Education major will prepare me to teach students who are in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades. My concentrations are Social Studies and Language Arts. I plan to do more than just remain in the walls of the classroom. I aspire to become an administrator in the school system (Principal and Superintendent) and even beyond. I also am currently working on a mentoring, college and career readiness program for minority males which will become a nationwide program.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I have been able to contribute to my university, peers, and my community by practicing servant leadership. I am very involved with the College of Education. I was a 2013 scholarship recipient and past presenter for the College's annual summit. My goal to become a future educator, who will require nothing less than excellence, is aligned with the principles individuals who founded HBCUs envisioned for their schools. By practicing good scholarship and participating in various meaningful community projects I represent my HBCU as an All-Star.



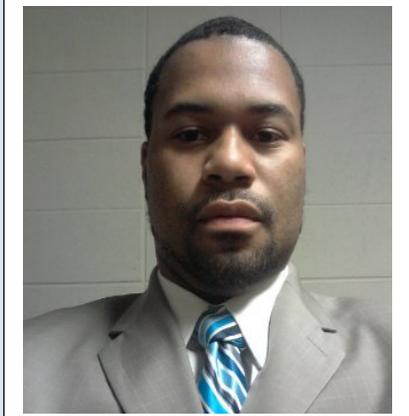
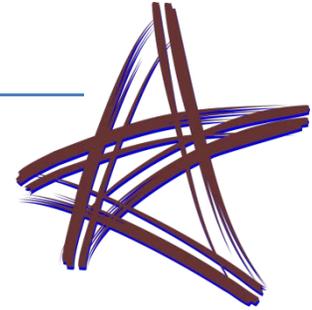
Kelcey Wright



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**Lawrence E Warren Sr.**

**Alcorn State University  
Senior  
Computer Science/Mathematics**

## About Me

I am a mathematics fanatic and a father of one. I strive to be the change I wish to see in the world and to be a positive influence on everyone who knows me personally.

## Current Study

I began as a Computer Science Major and added Mathematics as a double to help broaden my horizon as a programmer. I'm hoping to work at a large company such as GOOGLE where I can do what I love in a relaxed environment while getting my Masters in Computer Science.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because aside from being one of the talented students on the campus, I make myself available to any student who truly needs help. I volunteer my services for tutoring, give tours to new students and parents, and am always ready to give a hand at any campus function. I work hard at every opportunity to ensure that I am a positive reflection of Alcorn State University.



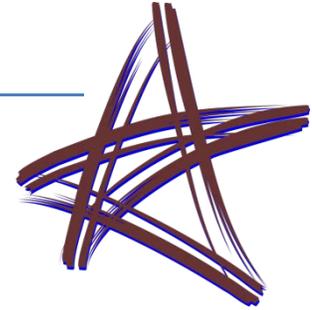
Lawrence Warren



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**Jasmine Everett**

**Bennett College**  
**Sophomore**  
**Mathematics**

## About Me

I am a very outgoing, ambitious, and creative person. I am currently a residential office assistant at my school. I enjoy crocheting, listening to music, dancing, helping others, and spending time with family and friends.

## Current Study

I am a Mathematics major at Bennett College. I wish to pursue a career as a secondary mathematics teacher.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star student because I soar and perform the best that I can. My leadership and involvement on campus and in my community have brought me to this great accomplishment. I seek the opportunity to help other young people become All-Stars.



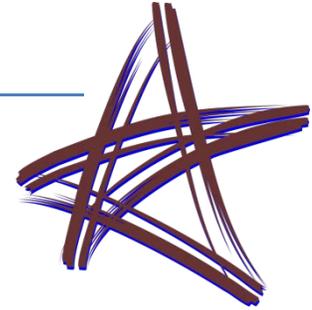
Jasmine Everett



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**Shantel Braynen**

**Bethune-Cookman University**  
**Senior**  
**Accounting**

## About Me

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Shantel Braynen is a senior accounting major at Bethune-Cookman University. She has a 4.0 GPA in her overall and major. Her campus involvement includes the National Association of Black Accountants, Religious Life Fellowship, Leadership Training Institute, and the International Student Organization. She has interned with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

## Current Study

Shantel is currently studying Accounting. In the futures she plans on obtaining her CPA license and becoming a leader in the Accounting & Finance fields. She dreams of opening her own enterprise and engaging in philanthropy.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am a role model not just at my university but for other HBCU's. I am grateful for the academic talents I have been blessed with and hope to use whatever resources and knowledge I gain to help others. “Enter to Learn... Depart to Serve” is the motto of my university. I strive each day to embrace that be being a contributing member in the community in which I live.



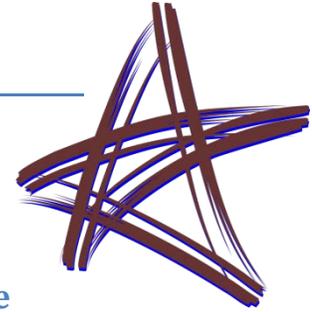
Shantel Braynen



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**Justin Wells**

**Bishop State Community College**  
**Sophomore**  
**Mechanical Engineering**

## About Me

My name is Justin Wells; I am from Mobile, Alabama. I currently attend Bishop State Community College where I will be graduating in the spring of 2014 with my Associate of Science degree. I will obtain my bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama. I'm currently a Peer Tutor for my college. I love assisting people to accomplish their goals in life. My hobbies are coaching little league soccer, fishing, drumming, and riding motorcycles.

## Current Study

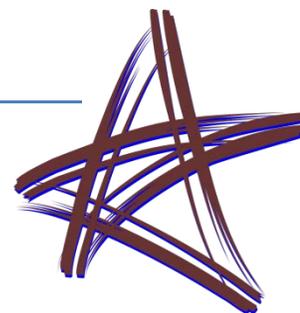
I am currently majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Once I receive my bachelor's degree I will begin to pursue my masters. After schooling, I plan to land a position with the company Airbus and become an engineering under there Department of Defense contract building and designing military aircrafts.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I take pride in everything I do. I continue to raise the bar and exceed expectations for not only me but my peers. I am very involved on campus as well as the community. Grades don't show a person's character but the brand that he builds within his self. Hard work, dedication, and motivation is why I am an HBCU All-Star.

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**Symone Jordan**

**Bowie State University**

**Senior**

**Biology Minors: Psychology & Chemistry**

## About Me

Who is Symone Jordan?

I am currently a resident of Prince Georges County, Maryland, where I live with my parents, Tracey and Avis Jordan, and my older sibling Avis Jordan Jr. Some of my favorite activities include playing and watching sports, listening to music, spending time with friends and family, and eating good food.

## Current Study

I am currently pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology and am in the process of receiving specialized training from the National Institute of Health, Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

My lifelong goal is to matriculate into medical school and eventually become a board certified plastic surgeon. After the completion of my professional degree, I hope to embark on various mission-based trips to provide healthcare to the underserved and minority communities.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I understand the importance of an education and I attempt to uphold the ideals and standards that scholarship encompasses. Receiving respectable grades has become a focal point for my undergraduate education and I relish opportunities to observe my peers succeeding. I believe that I possess an innate sense of passion, discipline and inquisitiveness. These characteristics have afforded me an opportunity to be included in such an elite class of students and I am honored to be a part of this 2014 All-Star cohort.



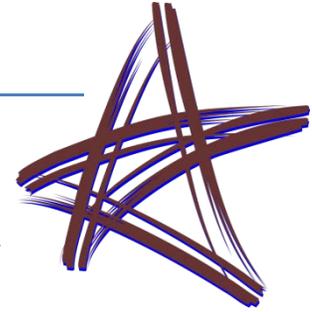
Symone Jordan



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**Ahn-yea Graham**

**University: Cheyney University  
of Pennsylvania**

**Senior**

**Social Relations (concentration: Sociology)**

## About Me

I enjoy reading literature that discusses my future career aspirations and helps me prepare for my career adequately. I also enjoy reading books that discuss personal development and important life skills/values. In my free time, I mentor young men in my hometown, Chester Pennsylvania as well as a couple youth members in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

## Current Study

Currently, I am a graduating senior that majors in Social Relations with a concentration in Sociology. With this Bachelor's Degree that I will acquire in May 2014, I intend on pursuing my JD and MBA and then securing employment at a law firm as a corporate attorney, more specifically a Transactional Attorney.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I view myself as an HBCU All-Star because my character is an embodiment of the historical legacy my university stands on. Being a student from the nation's oldest historically black university means I have an obligation to represent my people well. Knowing this responsibility, I worked to become the president of student government. The same semester I ended my presidency with student government, I became the founding president of the Collegiate 100 chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Between these positions and portraying leadership, I view myself as an HBCU All-Star.



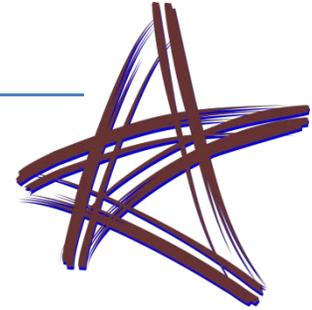
Ahn-yea Graham



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**Jessica Mong**

**Clafin University**

**Senior**

**Computer Engineering (Minor: Mathematics)**

## About Me

I am a senior at Clafin University majoring in Computer Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. Jessica loves software engineering and spends most of her weekends with clafLAN – a computer science club she founded – building web applications! She loves to travel, read, eat, and learn new languages!

## Current Study

I am currently studying Computer Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. Jessica short term goal is to work on an exciting product in Silicon Valley and then move on to graduate school.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I have:

- dedicated myself to high academic achievements,
- exhibited leadership skills in the organizations I am a part of and
- committed myself to taking as many in the community as I can as I improve and excel wherever I find myself.



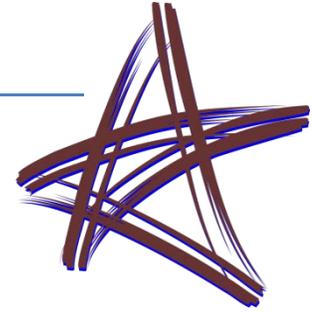
Jessica E Mong



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**Lillian M. Harris**

**Clark Atlanta University  
Graduate Student Major:  
Educational Leadership**

## About Me

I demonstrate a conscientious work ethic in my educational program, career, and volunteerism, but I also have a great sense of humor. I am a former middle school teacher, curriculum specialist and assistant principal. Currently, I am the Director of Student Support for Atlanta Public Schools. I volunteer as a tutor for Imhotep Academy and as the Educational Director for M3 Music Foundation. I am married with three wonderful children and I enjoy writing in my spare time.

## Current Study

Currently, I am a doctoral candidate at Clark Atlanta University with a 4.0 grade point average, pursuing a degree in Educational Leadership. This program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and disposition to become transformative leaders dedicated to improve the academic outcomes of students. My plans are to develop programs that will generate interest in school for disengaged students as well as to create professional development workshops to help teachers improve skills with student engagement and achievement.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because academically, I demonstrate passion and dedication to my own education as well as to the students I serve. As a leader, I present at educational forums for my HBCU and I am a member of the Educational Leadership Student Association. My civic engagement includes volunteerism with organizations designed to help students improve academically and socially.



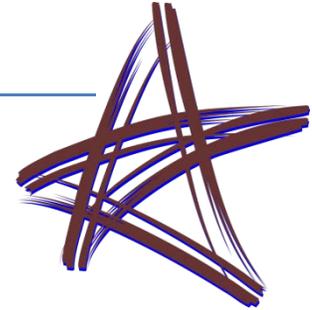
*Lillian Harris*



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**Keiwan Harris**

**Concordia College Alabama  
Senior  
Business Administration**

## About Me

My name is Keiwan Harris and I'm a native of Aliceville, Alabama. I have four sisters, a niece and a nephew. These are what my hobbies consist of when I'm not studying: Playing basketball, spending time with loved ones, singing, dramatic arts, playing video games and going to the movies. I currently work as a part-time bank teller at First Cahawba Bank located in Selma, AL and as a Residence Assistant on my college campus.

## Current Study

My major is business administration with a concentration in management. Majoring in this field will create me plenty of opportunities to better myself in the near future. I plan to run my own or operate someone else's business. My passion for business runs much deeper than the stated major. I want to and I will help change the world in a positive aspect. Being great does not mean you have to run the world, being great simply means to create a positive, everlasting impact that will last a lifetime.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because of my hard work and dedication to my academics, as well as making the people around me better. I'm not just a scholar of excellence and integrity, but I have a relentless work ethic to promote positive change wherever I reside. Leading is a trait that I have learned to be appreciative of because before I had the opportunity to lead, I had to learn to follow. Now, that I have followed, my time has been called to lead. That is why I am an HBCU All-Star.

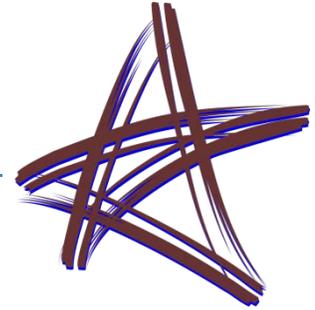


Keiwan Harris



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**Nicole Angela Tinson**

**Dillard University**  
**Senior**  
**Political Science**

## About Me

I was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, California and am ready to help change the world. While at Dillard University, I have served as the Junior Class President, Senior Class President, NAACP President, Vice-President of the African World Network Organization, and as the Social Action Chair of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Gamma Chapter. I have had the honor of completing internships with the Special Needs Network, Congressman Cedric Richmond through the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and BAEO through the UNCF. My personal interests including tweeting, traveling, reading, socializing and being on the Freedom Side with BYP100.

## Current Study

My mission in life is to help advance marginalized communities by becoming a leader, and proposing and enacting new policies that will affect people in a positive light. I intend on becoming a Congresswoman and eventually an ambassador. My major at Dillard University is political science, and I believe my department has prepared me to challenge the world under the guidance of Dr. Nchor Okorn and Dr. Gary Clark. My professors have taught me that everything we do in life is a political decision and about the concept of power and how it is used to shape the world we live in today.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I work hard to dispel the notion of whether "HBCUs are relevant." I believe my HBCU and experience has provided me with the opportunity to become the agent of change I wish to be. My HBCU has given me the leverage to not only learn about the issues that impact the black community, but how to become an effective leader to help others in general. Being an HBCU All-Star means I will work to inspire others to become the best them, as I work on becoming the best me.



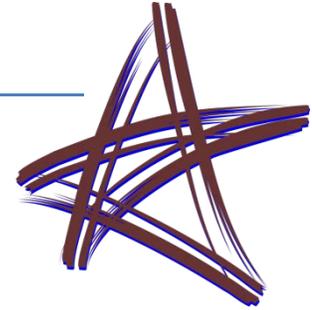
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**Chanae LeGrier**

**Elizabeth City State University  
Senior  
Business Administration(Marketing)**

## About Me

I am Chanae LeGrier. I would like to describe myself as very passionate, dedicated, and self-motivated. Everything I do I give 110 percent. I love helping people and creating opportunities for my peers. I love marketing! I have interned at Snyder's-Lance in Charlotte, North Carolina and The Chocolate House in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. I am currently the president of National Black MBA and Vice-President of What am I worth? Peer mentoring organization. I am member of Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society am also a member of the Black Executive Exchange Program. I have participated in The Ohio State Leadership and Innovation Symposium and The UNC Social Entrepreneurship Competition. I am young, inspired, and ready to leave my mark on this world!

I am a Business Administration Major with a concentration in Marketing. I hope to one day be a Vice President of Innovation or Marketing for a fortune 500 company in the food and beverage sector. I also plan to receive my MBA from NYU or The Ohio State University.

I am an HBCU-All-star because I have an unwavering determination to succeed. In high School, I played around. I was more focused on the social aspect of life and being accepted by peers that I lost track of academics. I started college with a chip on my shoulder. I wanted to prove to myself that I was able to succeed in academics and make a positive impact in my community and on my campus. Today, I stand proud and humbled at the success god has granted. I look forward to new opportunities every day!



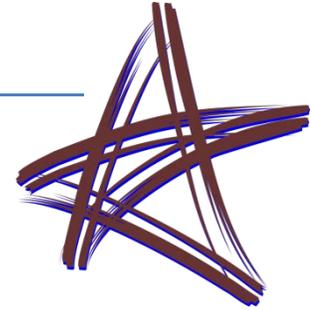
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**VALERIE M. EDWARDS**

**Elizabeth State University  
Senior**

**Mass Communications and Aviation Science**

## About Me

Growing up, I was always on stage acting or dancing in front of huge audiences. I love being around people and helping them as much as I can. Throughout my matriculation, I have had 5 internships and participated in a summer research program on robots. I am a curious person and I love to know about different things; this is why I have a science and communications background. The world fascinates me and I am a huge advocate of change. My favorite animal is the polar bear and like me they are survivors in very harsh conditions.

## Current Study

Currently, I am a double major in Aviation Science and Mass Communications with two minors in Public Administration and Media Studies. Entering college I thought I wanted to be a pilot for the rest of my life. Though I am a certified pilot, I soon realized this was not my calling. My science background has given me some awesome experiences at NASA, Department of Transportation, and the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program. On the other hand, I am an aspiring broadcaster and my dream is to work for CNN, NBC, or BET. I have experience in journalism, television, and radio. My ultimate goal is to break into the film industry. This background has given me the opportunity to work at the Department of Energy and College Prowler.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because God created me to help change the world. My mother instilled in me to always do my best and help others along the way. I work extremely hard and dedicate my time to my craft and learning new knowledge in different fields every day. My curiosity, passion, and creativity allows me to be the best in my areas of interest. I am a humble service leader for my community, university, and anywhere I may travel. I am a huge advocate for education and I have become a mentor on campus and in the community for young adults.



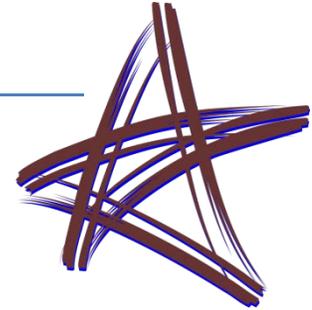
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**Amanda Eure**

**Fayetteville State University**  
**1<sup>st</sup> year Graduate Student**  
**Master of Business Administration**

## About Me

I am from Gates, N.C. I am a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A&T State University. Currently, I am pursuing my MBA while working as an Operations Research Analyst with the Department of the Navy. I love to travel and experience other cultures. Recently, I purchased Rosetta Stone for French: Levels 1-4 in hopes of learning French and travelling to Martinique or Guadeloupe in the near future.

## Current Study

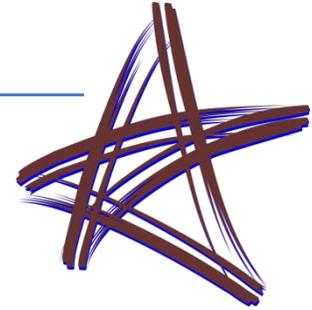
At Fayetteville State University, I am majoring in business administration with a concentration in project management. The project management courses will teach me the four basic elements to managing a project: resources, time, money, and scope. One of my career goals is to be able to successfully lead a team on a project from start to finish.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am a trailblazer. At Winston-Salem State University, I was the first recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Education Scholarship, which provides funding to study abroad to undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding attending a two- or four-year institution. By me receiving this scholarship, it proved to WSSU students and others that we are just as competitive as any other student regardless of the institution.



# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Ciera Carter**

**Fisk University**

**Junior**

**Business, Financial Economics**

## About Me

I am a person that loves to be outside and active. Over the past few years I have had the opportunity to Intern with The Tennessee Human Rights Commission (as a Title VI Intern), as well as Liberty Mutual Insurance as a Property Claims Intern. At Liberty Mutual I actively spoke with managers and other interns from across the nation to solve the issue of age pending on claims. In my spare time I love to make jewelry, scarfs, and blankets.

## Current Study

I am currently studying to obtain my Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in Financial Economics, while at the same time beginning my studies to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). After obtaining my CFP I aspire to work with small businesses in underdeveloped communities under the goal of turning a group of small businesses into an actual stock on the market, to assist these businesses in reaching their full potential. My ultimate goal in life is to open my own non-profit business that teaches financial literacy in underdeveloped communities as well as consulting them in the best ways to invest their money to receive comfortable returns.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

At the illustrious Fisk University I am an Ella Shepherd Moore; Bass, Berry & Sims; Tom Joyner/All-State QFE; and John W. & Leslie Garner scholar. I am heavily involved on campus serving as a Fisk University Student Ambassador, Junior Class Business Manager, Charter Member of the National Council of Negro Women, and am heavily involved with reaching out to Alumni and Friends of Fisk with fundraising initiatives. While I am a scholar and active on campus, most importantly I am civically involved. I have helped initiate a new organization called Cultural Innovation, which has recently developed a Saturday school where we serve as mentors and tutors to the local youth where the importance academic success and self-development is stressed.



Ciera Carter

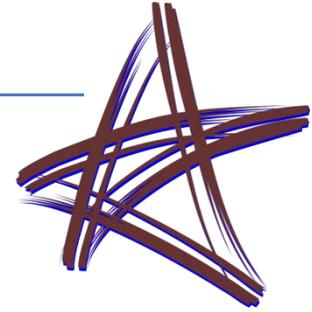
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**Jamil McGinnis**

**Florida A&M University**

**Junior**

**Business Administration, Finance**

## About Me

This past summer, I had the chance to work on Wall Street with JP Morgan in their Sales & Trading program. I had the chance to learn about the capital markets, product investment vehicles and trading strategies. My interests include painting, drawing, photography, videography, and motorcycling. I also like to read and have in-depth discusses of various ideology and mythology books that shape our history and everyday life.

## Current Study

I am currently studying Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics. I interned at JP Morgan investment bank in NYC last summer in the Sales & Trading division and I am scheduled to go back in the same program for Summer 2014. I have done two case competitions from Accenture and Target to capture a different perspective in the realm of the business world.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

From conducting Wall Street interview preparations from our Chief Financiers Organization (CFO) club to being a part of the rigorous Management Leaders for Tomorrow (MLT) program, it has expanded my horizon to different networks and paradigms of life. I do not strive to become praised or spotlighted for my contributions, therefore, my passion comes from within and I was just fortunate enough to be recognized for my accolades. I would not be where I am today if I did not have the support from my amazing parents, James & Ümit McGinnis and my best friend, my sister, Aylin McGinnis.

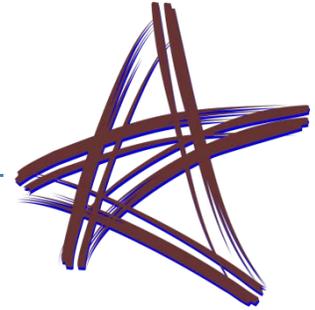


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# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Jazmyne Vanecia Simmons**

**Florida A&M University**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Graduate Student**  
**Public Health**

## About Me

I am an energetic, driven, peoples person with a good sense of humor. I embrace learning and new experiences. My work experience consists of working as an emergency response operator as well as working as an HBCU Tobacco Grant Coordinator for Florida A&M. Aside from academics I have a passion for acting as well as public speaking. I find the aforementioned to be very creative and influential on healthy living and policies for equality.

## Current Study

I am currently earning a Master of Public Health degree concentrating in Behavioral Science & Health Education. Public Health focuses on being the eyes, and ears for those who cannot see or hear and a voice for those who do not have one. My plans are to use my education, talents and life experiences to make an impact on the world. With interests in acting, public speaking and a heart for learning, I desire to find creative ways to influence healthy living and policies for equality. In the future, I would like to start a non-profit organization for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All Star because I am standing on the shoulders of giants. I have been Blessed to have role models like my parents who taught me to be accountable, to have integrity and to work diligently in all that I do. I was taught to lead as well as follow and it is those lessons that have guided me.



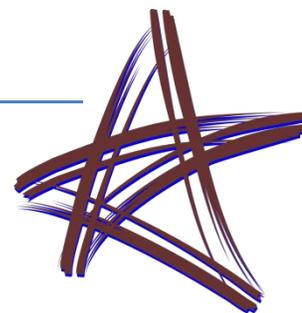
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Jonte Myers**

**Florida Memorial University  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Graduate Student  
Exceptional Student Education  
(Leadership)**

## About Me

I am 31 years old and a first generation college graduate. I began my career in the field of education at age 18 when I taught general science for 9 years in the British Virgin Islands before returning to school in the US to finish my studies. I am currently employed as a Data Analyst in the Centers for Academic Support and Retention at FMU and I also serve as a Graduate Research Assistant in the School of Education. It was an honor to be the first graduate student ever to serve as an instructor for the First Year College Experience course at the university. I am also one of eight Education Testing Services (ETS) HBCU Presidential Scholars for the year 2011-2012 and was the recipient of the president's medal consecutively during my undergraduate studies.

## Current Study

Currently, I am working on my Master of Science Degree in Special Education with a focus on Leadership. My ultimate goal is to become an expert researcher and teacher trainer to develop innovative ways of teaching all students especially those with disabilities, by contributing to the existing research in the field, and to train future educators to become effective teachers and strong advocates for the rights of all students in the classroom. I also aspire to become an international policy maker in education to ensure that all citizens of the globe are afforded access to at least a basic education

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Throughout my studies, I have exemplified excellence in academics, leadership, scholarship and community service. I have maintained an accumulative 4.0 GPA during my undergraduate matriculation and currently in my graduate studies. I served on the Student Government Association (SGA) and was the Chapter president of Kappa Delta Pi, an International honor society in the field of education. I have maintained my involvement with SGA and now serve as one of the chief advisors to the SGA president. I am also a strong advocate for community involvement and have provided free math tutoring and mentoring for students in the community as well as students enrolled at FMU.

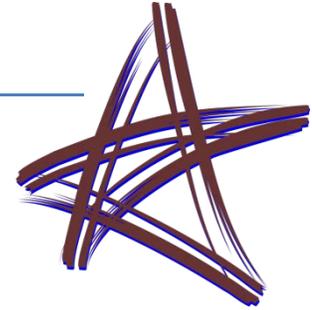


Jonte Myers



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Elijah B. Porter II**

**Fort Valley State University**  
**Junior**  
**English Major**

## About Me

Let's talk music. Music is an integral part of my daily routine, providing both harmony and relaxation. I love the performing arts, primarily spoken word and monologue. I often deliver speeches to empower, embolden, and inspire my audience. The performing arts have the power to entertain and educate, which is why I will use them in my career endeavors. I currently serve as a resolution writer and legislative aide in the Office of the Legislative Council at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia. I am pursuing my aspirations of becoming an attorney and policy maker.

## Current Study

English plays an indispensable role in advancing my education, preparing me as a global citizen to make an impact through the curriculum's life-learned skills. I chose English as my major because of the solid foundation I can gain in writing and potential career opportunities. One day I would like to teach university students and publish a novel. My field serves as a platform for my future career in law and policy. As an attorney, I will advocate for civil liberties, human rights, and criminal justice reform. I also plan to serve as a legislator to implement effective public policy in my community and abroad. Ultimately, I see English as a powerful tool used to voice public concerns, reinvigorate moral introspection, and stir Socratic thought to enact positive change.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Students should experience stimulating and entertaining events, while being rewarded for their hard work. In fall 2013, I recognized the importance of travel in the HBCU band experience, and I worked diligently with FVSU alumni to reward band members with the first overnight Fountain City Classic trip. I also realized that FVSU's campus events should involve more student collaboration, encouraging intellectual growth and insightful takeaways. As a result, I designed forums to engage and enlighten the student body, titled *Speak Your Mind* and *Are You a Slave or Are You Free?*, in an effort to bridge the gap between education and entertainment through the medium of performing arts. In the long run, students deserve the best their university can offer, so I ensure this obligation is upheld, which is why I am an HBCU All-Star.



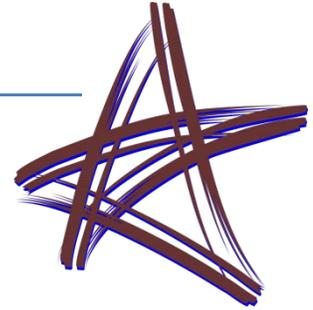
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Breonna Ward**

**Grambling State University  
Freshman  
Elementary Education**

## About Me

I am very outgoing and I love to tell jokes. Some of my favorite activities include playing video games, watching movies, hanging out with my friends, and flag running.

## Current Study

I am an Elementary Education major. I plan to educate our nation's youth, and show people everywhere that learning can be fun.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am an exceptional leader, and I have a lot of experience with leading others.



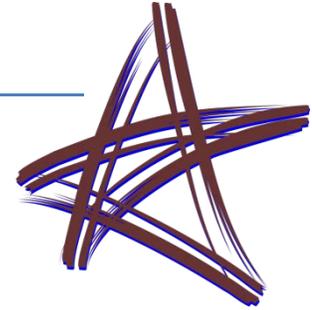
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Whitney Johnson**

**Hampton University**  
**Junior**  
**Public Relations**

## About Me

I am humble; I am fearless; I am inspired ... I am Whitney Johnson. As a future professional, I have gained experience as a communications intern, public relations and marketing specialist, branding consultant, blogger, journalist, and producer. My personal interests include, but are not limited to, public speaking, black achievement, family and loved ones, sports, miming, shopping, and accomplishing my goals.

## Current Study

Public relations is defined as "... a strategic communication process that builds mutually beneficial relationship between organizations and their publics." Media professionals have the power to control the interpretations and perceptions of society. Therefore, my sincere goal in life is to inspire teens and young adults in the urban community and positively change the perspectives of society through media outlets.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am not an all-star because of what I do for personal gain; I am an all-star because I aim to help others realize that their opportunities are endless. When First Lady Obama visited our illustrious campus last year, she said something that stood out to me: "When you reach that door of opportunity, don't close the door behind you. You must reach back to help others get to where you have gotten." That simple, but powerful statement sums up my aspirations in life. It is the very reason why I am an HBCU All-Star!



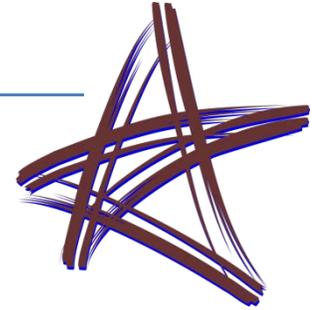
Whitney Johnson



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Vivian Nweze**

**Howard University**

**Senior Radio/  
TV/Film**

## About Me

I am the ultimate busy bee! Being active in my school and community has shaped me from a shy and awkward girl in to a confident and joyful woman ready to take the world by storm. I became a student leader at age 12 as my middle school's student council secretary and am ending my student leadership as the first Chairwoman of Howard's Senate, representing our 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate schools. Fresh off my NBC internship in Russia at the 2014 Winter Olympics, I am now focusing on my budding career in media.

## Current Study

My major, concentration, and minor combo give me a holistic view of the television industry. As a Radio/ TV/ Film major I learn everything from creative writing to production for various broadcast industries. With a concentration in Telecommunications Management, I am trained in programming and ratings to understand what audiences want to see and how to present it to them. My minor in Business Administration gives me the dollars and cents logic about how my industry works. This all helps me in my quest to become a correspondent, talk show host, and multimedia mogul.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I love to challenge myself to do more than what the average person would do. My freshmen year I was inspired by an executive at ABC News and Howard alum, who said her big thing when she graduated, was that she had 5 internships. Right then I decided to have 10. I am ending my college career completing 9, short of my goal, but still much further than most of my peers. Now I help other students to get internships and volunteer experience. Being an All-Star for me is about pushing myself to be the best and then helping others to be their best.



Vivian Nweze



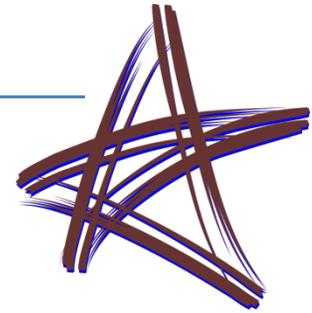
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Tyrone Hankerson, Jr.**  
**Howard University**  
**Junior**  
**Communication & Culture**



## About Me

My favor thing to do is travel. While learning has always been an exciting way to explore worlds beyond the classroom, my studies abroad have truly shaped the way I view the world. For me, there is nothing like eating, interacting, and existing in other places that are unfamiliar. Throughout my college experience, I had the opportunity to travel to Canada, Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece. There is an entire world out there, and I enjoy exploring all that it has to offer.

## Current Study

I am currently studying Communication & Culture with a focus on Legal Communications and minoring in Public Relations. My current studies engages my classmates and myself in understanding how varying levels of communication can be used as a tool that can be ethically leveraged to bring favorable outcomes in various and differing spaces.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I embody the pillars of my institution: leadership, excellence, truth and service. Being an African-American male, I understand the importance of being able to thrive in an educational environment where the purpose is to provide me with necessary resources that will allow me to compete with globally. Having this global perspective, I have invested myself in various served in various leadership capacities that promote excellence and truth. My commitment to bettering those around me and myself is what makes me unique in a variety of settings. For these reasons, I am an HBCU All-Star.



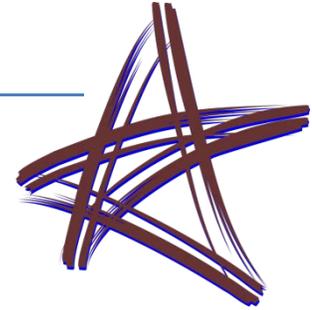
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Candace Chambers**

**Jackson State University**

**Junior**

**English**

**Education**

## About Me

I enjoy learning new information. Whether by listening in the classroom or engaging with others during a service project, the pursuit of knowledge is always a joy. I am currently interning at the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Public Affairs Trainee. In my spare time, I enjoy working with my church's youth department. My hobbies include playing the piano, learning about African American history, and attending artistic social events.

## Current Study

As an English Education major, I have the privilege of learning the history and grammar of the English language, along with exploring effective techniques of instruction within the classroom. I learn how to analyze the works of various authors and how they address the culture. I also examine various pedagogical methods that will ensure that students achieve intended learning outcomes. I plan to obtain my Bachelors of Arts Degree in English and pursue the career of an educator. Using the learned knowledge during my collegiate experience, I hope to inspire young people to achieve great heights.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All- Star because of my dedication to academics and leadership. I strive to perform at the best of my ability in the classroom. Through my leadership on campus, I try to encourage others to enjoy the HBCU experience by utilizing resources and taking full advantage of the open doors of opportunity bestowed upon the present generation. Lastly, I am an HBCU All-Star because of my dedicated service in the community. As an All-Star, I hope to serve as an example of hard work and dedication, so that others can be motivated to succeed.



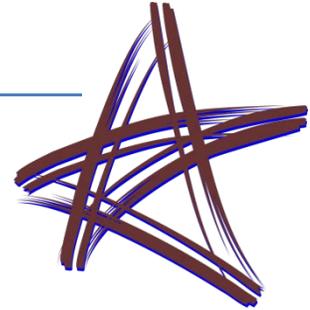
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Jheanelle Linton**

**Johnson C. Smith University**  
**Sophomore**  
**Computer Engineering**

## About Me

I am a relaxed individual but I'm very attentive. Humility, rationality and punctuality are three of my best qualities. I enjoy learning new things, exploring different cultures and ethnicities, as well as solving technical problems. Currently, I am a Student Level Researcher in the Multidisciplinary Applied Computational Modeling and Simulations (MACMAS) Lab at the Smith Institute for Applied Research, JCSU. I have been a volunteer in Charlotte's Web Technology Mentorship Initiative for the past year, where I help to provide mentorship to at-risk high school males.

## Current Study

Computer Engineering is a combination of electrical engineering and computer science. At present, I am taking 18 credit hours which are necessary to complete my major requirements. In the very near future I hope to become an International Researcher in Embedded Computing.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

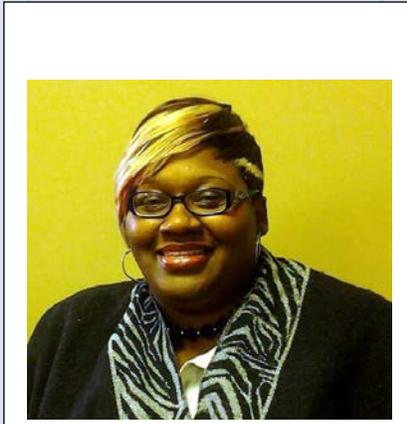
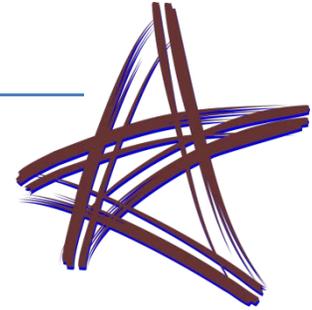
I believe I am an HBCU All-Star not only because of my past and present accomplishments. I am an HBCU All-Star because I challenge myself to great heights. God has given me the ability to pursue my goals with a type of level-headedness that will not allow me to sway from my path. With that determination, striving for excellence is my everyday routine. With God's help, I shall rise above any obstacles that I am deemed to encounter, as a young individual in pursuit of academic empowerment.



Jheanelle Linton

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Stephanie M. Phillips**

**Lane College  
Senior  
Criminal Justice**

## About Me

Stephanie is most proud of her role as a mother of three beautiful children Caleb, Kaya, and Landyn. Stephanie is actively involved in her school's Student Christian Association, Student Government Association, Phi Beta Lambda, and Lane College Pre -Alumni Council. Volunteerism is a fulfilling and rewarding part of her life. Stephanie serves a mentor for TN Achieves and volunteers' time at local schools. Stephanie has impeccable organizational and leadership skills. She loves to sing, dance, read, travel and shop.

## Current Study

Stephanie is a Criminal Justice Major. She plans to attend Howard University School of Law and become a family court attorney. Stephanie is eager to obtain a solid understanding of government functions, and influential leadership.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All Star because I am a firm believer in education. I have an intrinsic desire to learn. I am dedicated to serving the community and advocate for those who need support. I excel at in every task assigned to me. Give it to me and it will get done, on time and above quality. I understand the importance of giving back to the community. Despite my busy school schedule and life as a single mother I devote a generous amount of time as a faithful community volunteer. I represent the characteristics and quality envisioned for this phenomenal program. I am an HBCU All-Star.



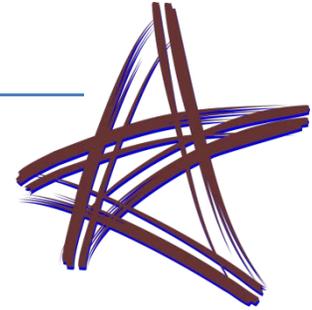
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Beautiful-Joy Fields**

**Langston University**  
**Freshman**  
**Mathematics**

## About Me

Greetings! I am Beautiful-Joy Fields; a freshman mathematics major at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. I am the youngest of six children; three boys and three girls. The most significant/impactful influence upon my life is Jesus Christ. I am the daughter of Rev. S. S. Fields, II and Mrs. Annie Fields. I have an amazing and adorable puppy by the name of Emmanuel "Manny" Ramirez Fields. My interests include international affairs, politics, and the International Olympic Committee.

## Current Study

I am a transitioning Mathematics and International Studies double major. I plan to become a public servant and work with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). I believe mathematics is a fundamental language that should be spoken articulately, due to the fact that math is an essential element found in all facets of life. Volunteering and being a servant to others are activities that bring great joy in my life. I believe everyone's purpose in life is to serve others, just as Jesus Christ served (Mark 10:45). I especially love to travel and look forward to many study abroad experiences.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Service. I am an HBCU All-Star because of my desire to serve others. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." I believe this quote and this is why I stress the important of service in community, academics, and social, civic and especially at my HBCU, Langston University.



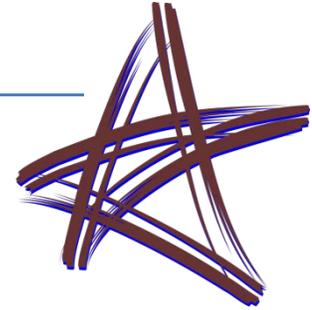
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**Gilbert Barnes Carter III**

**The LeMoyne-Owen College  
Senior  
Business Administration**

## About Me

My personal activities and interests are architecture; athletic training, athletics, bodybuilding; cooking; fitness; health and wellness; politics; reading; social problems; technology; traveling, urban renewal; and weightlifting. The majority of my professional work experience has been within the fields of child welfare and social services. I worked at Youth Villages for almost two and a half years. I am featured in the "In The Spotlight" section of the Fall 2010 edition of Ordinary People Magazine for working with youth going through the residential treatment programs at Youth Villages.

## Current Study

I plan to earn my master's degree at The LeMoyne-Owen College within the next two to three years. I also plan to earn my doctorate degree and lead Legs 4 Life Foundation Incorporated full-time as its Executive Director and Founder within the next five to ten years.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am committed to exhibiting excellence in all areas of my life and leaving a legacy for children and adults who may be less fortunate to benefit from in the future.



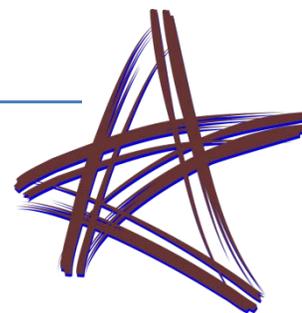
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**Shareena Cannonier**

**Lincoln University, PA**  
**Senior**  
**Chemistry**

## About Me

Humble, kind and funny are three words that I use to describe myself. I am Shareena Cannonier a graduating chemistry major attending Lincoln University, PA. I am one of five siblings and I was born and raised on the island of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. My hobbies include listening to music volunteering, shopping, reading, and spending time with my family and friends. Laughing and traveling are two things I enjoy doing, though others may not know. Over the last two years I have worked with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where I conducted research.

## Current Study

I am currently studying chemistry in pursuit of a final study of environmental toxicology. Chemistry is the study of chemicals and it involves math and physics. It takes discipline and determination to pursue a degree in chemistry.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am intelligent, responsible, and hardworking. I set goals and I make every effort to achieve them. I strive to be a well-rounded person, and I believe that makes me a HBCU all-star student. I try to embody what students should value at an HBCU institution which is discipline, determination and school pride. I am proud to say that I attend the first established Historically Black College and University.

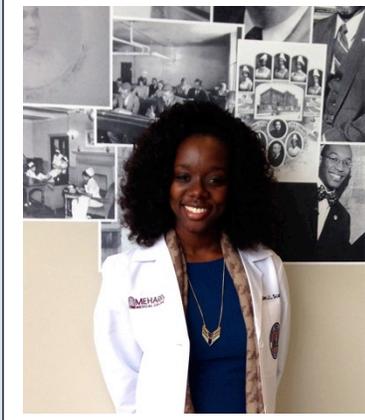
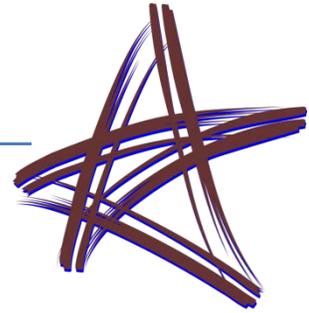


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# 2014 HBCU All-Star



## Ciera Scales

**Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry**  
**Junior**  
**Doctor of Dental Surgery**

## About Me

I am the younger of two children, born to Donald and Greta Scales. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, I could always be found on the heels of my brother, Keith – I even followed him to Georgia State University! Any free time I have is spent on the nearest beach, riding horses, in the pages of a book, painting for Prism Scales Arts (my online art shop), or playing with my Bouvier des Flandres, Beta, who is always at my side.

## Current Study

I am currently pursuing my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, to become a dentist, and I am prayerful that I will continue my education, by specializing in orthodontics. Meharry fed my curiosity for knowledge, for giving back to the community, and for research. I am proud to be principal investigator, and only student author, in my local, national, and international award-winning research. After orthodontic school, Beta and I plan on returning to Atlanta to practice.

## Why I am a HBCU All-Star

Being a HBCU All-Star is about much more than recognition for academic achievement; many candidates have extensively decorated curriculum vitae. A HBCU All-Star sets the example that not only can anyone be iconic in their academic advancements, but that advancements are sprouting at HBCUs around the country. I am a HBCU All-Star because I use my 24 hours each day to push myself in my studies, and to have a presence in the local and global community. I am a HBCU All-Star because I thought I could excel and make a difference, and then I did.



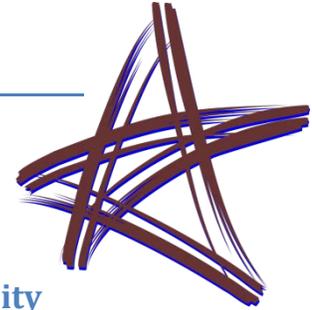
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Rodney Rice**

**Mississippi Valley State University**  
**Senior**  
**Speech Communication**

## About Me

Always having a passion for service, I have given myself to worthy causes and projects, including locals such as Alumni House Clean-Up, October Fest, and Mississippi Blood Services, and nationals, such as Relay for Life, March of Dimes, NAACP, and 4-H. My work experience includes being a current Resident Assistant and previous Sales Associate for the Dollar General Corporation. As an artist, I have acted in plays, written poetry, created artwork, and delivered vocal performances.

## Current Study

The speech communication major is a branch of the Mass Communication Department at Mississippi Valley State University. I have gained much knowledge and skills in my major through courses, such as interpersonal communication, interviewing, intercultural communication, nonverbal communication, persuasion, gendered communication, small group communication, organizational communication, media writing, and advanced public speaking. After graduation, I plan to attend graduate school and pursue a master's degree in English or public administration and hold an administrative office.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I have come a long way from my days as that freshman who was a bit scared, but also excited about the new journey on which I was to embark. Along the way, I have experienced some triumphs and setbacks while at "The Valley," but my relentless pursuit of education for the African-American male is what makes me an All-Star. Not only that, I have always felt a burning desire to make a positive difference in the lives of other people. Ever since my feet hit the ground of Mississippi Valley State University, it has been my dream to receive my first college degree and leave behind a worthy legacy.

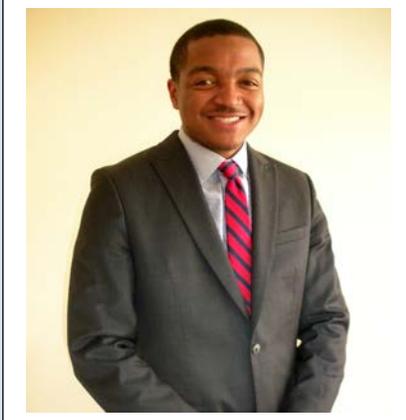
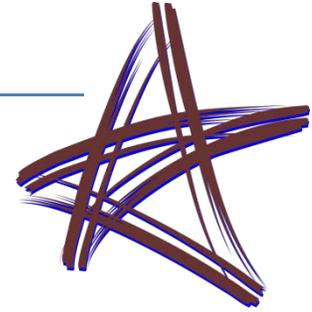


Rodney M. Rice



@Sir\_RodneyRice

# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Cameron C. Weathers**  
**Morehouse College**  
**Junior**  
**Business Marketing & Spanish**

## About Me

Growing up in Memphis, Tennessee as a part of a family of educators, I learned about the hardships of working in urban education, especially working to improve education for African-Americans. Through my various leadership roles in high school, I learned the importance of my heritage and history as an African-American and because of those influences, I chose to go to Morehouse College. While at Morehouse, I have worked in leadership capacities in the fields of social justice, mentorship, education, and business and I have also interned with Google, Inc and will be working for Deloitte Consulting during the Summer 2014. Through my experiences, I hope to learn how to further combine the fields of social justice, education, business and technology to impact the education system for African-Americans.

## Current Study

Currently I am pursuing a double major in Business Administration and Spanish. As a pursuant of a degree in business, I hope to develop my business acumen in hopes of becoming a business consultant and entrepreneur; I desire a career that will provide me with a high level of business acumen across various industries. I believe that by attaining a high level of business acumen, I will be able to develop an extensive business and investment portfolio that will help largely support my philanthropic goal to contribute to and create various non-profit organizations that focus on improving the lives of African-Americans through improved education and cultural enrichment.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because not only do I believe in the legacy and historic mission of my institution, but I believe in the importance of contributing to its legacy by working hard to pay it forward. With this belief in mind, I strive to uphold and act upon my institution's principles through my service, leadership, goals, and accomplishments. By acknowledging and appreciating the work, sacrifices and prayers of my ancestors, I will continue to make great leaps to further develop and enrich my community, my culture, myself and the world.



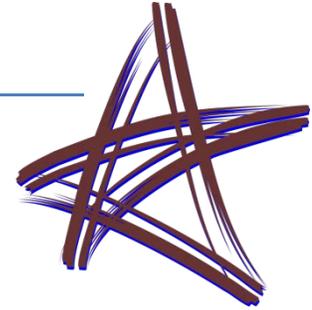
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**David Johnny**

**Morehouse College  
Junior  
English**

## About Me

There are not many words that I can think of to describe myself. I love learning new things and meeting new people. When I'm not in class, you can find me working with my advisor for my student organization, or working with my K-3 graders and my 8<sup>th</sup> graders at local Atlanta schools. When I'm not consumed with schoolwork, I love to catch up on television, hang with my friends, and read. I am a huge Grey's Anatomy, Scandal, and Law & Order: SVU fan. My favorite color is black. I love the number 3. Proverbs 22.6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." This verse serves as a reminder of why I am becoming an educator. I hope to make a life lasting impact in the lives of my students.

## Current Study

I am studying English. After graduation, I hope to either attend graduate school to obtain my Masters of Art in Teaching or go through an alternative certification program that will allow me to teach upon graduation. My goal is to teach for a number of years, and return back to school to obtain my Ed.D in Educational Leadership and become a school administrator.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

While I may not consider myself an "all-star", I found a need for something that was missing on my campus. I realized I had the opportunity to great something great for my campus and my fellow students. My hard work and dedication for education, community service, and leadership does not go unnoticed by others. My drive and passion for the things I believe in is what makes me an HBCU-All Star.

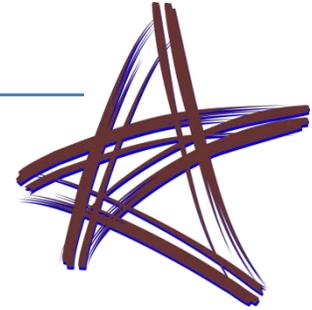


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# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Triston Bing-Young**

**Morgan State University**

**Senior**

**Civil Engineering & Entrepreneurship**

## About Me

Triston is a charismatic and tenacious student leader at Morgan State University. He has made the most out of his tenure at Morgan by actively participating in over 15 student organizations and clubs, participated in various civic and political engagement opportunities, volunteered for many causes, helped create scholarships for other students, and started his own business. In his spare time he enjoys modeling, stepping and listening to music.

## Current Study

Triston considers himself a lifelong student, always ready to learn something new. In his academic career, he majored in civil engineering with a concentration in structural engineering. Through his journey, he decided to double major in Business administration, entrepreneurship in order to develop business understanding and savvy. Triston aspires to start his very own Civil Engineering firm that focuses in urban infrastructure and retrofitting building with new green innovations. He also has hopes of running for an elected office in order to continue to help others in his community.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All Star, because I have learned the power of an HBCU education. As a young African-American male, I would not have been able to learn, grow and excel had it not been for the guidance and assistance that I received from Morgan State University. I am an HBCU All-Star to showcase the talent and advantages of an HBCU Education, to represent the interests of HBCU education of our youth and to encourage other students nationwide to lead, serve and strive for excellence and academic success.



Triston Young



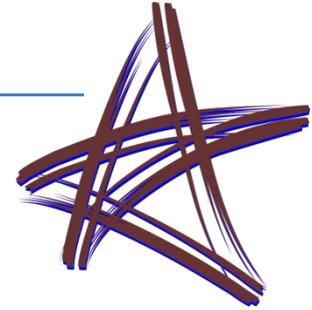
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Trevor Rome McKie**

**Morgan State University  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Doctoral  
Higher Education**

## About Me

I currently work full-time as a Human Resources Specialist at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and part-time as a special assistant to the Associate Dean of the School of Education at Howard University. In my spare time, I enjoy serving as a youth leader and Administer of Protocol at my church, Restoration Kingdom Ministries, and entertaining family and friends.

## Current Study

I am currently pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education at Morgan State University. I aspire to become a special assistant to a college/university president and eventually a college president.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I'm an HBCU All-Star because I seek advancement through higher education and the best quality of life so that I can help others to achieve their dreams. I believe that education unlocks doors and creates opportunities where there are obstacles.



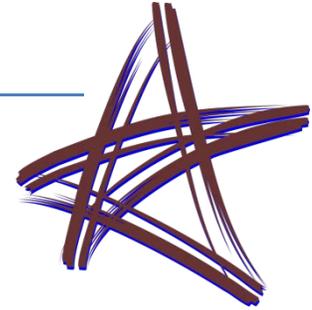
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Refugio S. Banelos**

**Morris College  
Senior  
Criminal Justice**

## About Me

Over the years, I have worked in the hospitality industry and the construction industry. I enjoy music and the company of my fiancée and our pets. Having been in the work force, I was able to realize first-hand the importance of higher education when it concerns personal advancement and financial stability. Helping others achieve their goals, allows me to grow as an individual and keep focus on the needs of our community.

## Current Study

I plan to further my degree in criminal justice by attending law school. While in law school, I plan to work in law enforcement. Out of law school, my goal is to work out of the States Attorney's office, build a private practice, and work in state politics addressing the needs of minorities.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Being a goal oriented person, higher education has given me the opportunity to attain leadership skills, avenues in which to implement them, and the responsibility to advocate for the role higher education plays in the success of our communities. My work ethic being "get the job done", has allowed me attain high marks and be available to help my classmates and institution grow in a positive manner. I believe reaching any level of personal success requires that we help others achieve theirs.



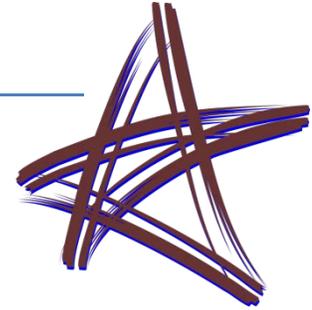
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Shakera Fudge**

**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**Senior**  
**Animal Science**

## About Me

I'm originally from Syracuse, New York, however I now reside in Chesterfield, Virginia. In my spare time I enjoy traveling, reading, and partaking in community service. As a student of service, I am the Community Service Coordinator of the national organization MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences) and the Senator of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. In the past, I interned with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services in the department of Veterinary Services and Animal Care. Also currently I'm an undergraduate research scholar studying respiratory diseases.

## Current Study

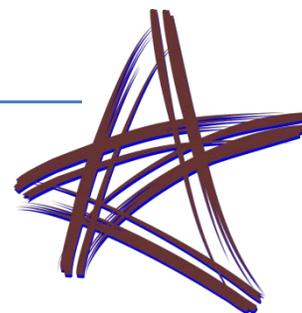
I truly have always aspired to be a veterinarian and without any reservations I chose to major in Animal Science. In addition, I minor in chemistry and I am pursuing certification in biotechnology. I received early acceptance into NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. After completing veterinary school, I plan to obtain a PhD in pathology and work as an anatomic pathologist for USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I challenge myself daily to portray leadership, scholarship, and to be of service for the community. I enjoy donating service for the well-being and benefit of the public. Also, I look for opportunities instead of oppositions. I'm a first generation college student however I don't want to be the last. Therefore, it is imperative that I encourage others within my community to continue their education and to strive for academic success and excellence.

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Leon G. White**

**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**4th year Graduate Student, PhD**  
**Mechanical Engineering**

## About Me

In 2010, I was admitted into the Mechanical Engineering direct PhD program at NC A&T SU. Since then, I have obtained a strong technical background while working as a graduate student researcher in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Engineering Research Center for Revolutionizing Metallic Biomaterials (ERC-RMB). As a team member of the ERC-RMB, I have had the opportunity to travel to universities in Germany and India where I was able to gain a global perspective of different engineering, research, and healthcare markets. After completing my Ph.D., I will pursue a career in industry where I can apply my valuable knowledge to help advance science and engineering on a global scale. I also have a strong interest in mentoring K-12 students and encouraging them to pursue science and engineering careers.

## Current Study

My current study focuses on the development of coatings that will reduce the corrosion rate of biodegradable Mg implants. I plan to finish testing these coatings in vitro (in a test cell) and take the knowledge gained to apply those to in vivo (live animal) studies. My work will lead to the development of potential new medical devices that can be used for orthopedic and neural repair applications in humans. The ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life in humans while saving cost and eliminating the need for repetitive surgeries.

## Why I am an HBCU All Star

Since 2006, I have attended NC A&T SU for undergraduate and currently graduate studies where I have been dedicated to academics, leadership, and community service. My academic strength is showcased through my high GPA and winning awards on a local and national level. As a leader I have served as President of the Student Leadership Council in our Engineering Research Center. Finally, in the community, I have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as well as engineering camps to develop the next generation of young STEM scholars.



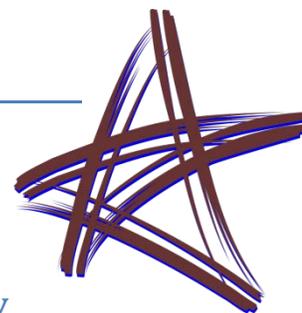
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Victoria Jones**

**North Carolina Central University**  
**Senior**  
**Chemistry**

## About Me

Victoria Jones is a native of Raleigh, NC and a senior chemistry major at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. She enjoys working in the lab doing biomedical research, aspiring to one day help find the cure for cancer. Victoria also shares her God-given musical talents whenever the opportunity arises, whether singing, or playing viola or piano.

## Current Study

Victoria Jones will earn a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry from North Carolina Central University in May 2014. She has conducted summer internships in laboratories at North Carolina State University, the Pennsylvania State Hershey Medical Center, Columbia University, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, in addition to working in a cancer research lab at North Carolina Central University during the year. These experiences have confirmed her passion for biomedical research. She will enter a PhD Biomedical Sciences program to continue training as a scientist, to one day help cure cancer.

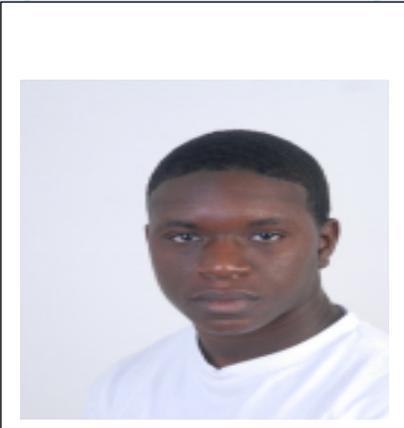
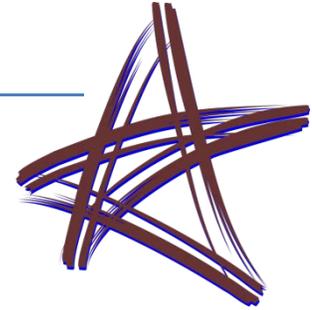
## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Victoria Jones is an HBCU All-Star because she excels in the classroom, is a student leader on campus, serves in the community and represents her HBCU with excellence at conferences throughout the country. She is excited to actively support President Obama's platform initiative to promote higher education. As a White House HBCU ambassador, Victoria will not only lead by example, but she will proudly work with other All-Stars to encourage academic achievement across America.



# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Antoine Southern**

**Oakwood University**

**Senior**

**Pre-Law: Political Science**

## About Me

Antoine is pursuing a *Juris Doctorate* and has already been admitted to a top-ten law school. He was captain of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge academic team at Oakwood University and helped the team earn second place twice. Antoine enjoys reading and playing trivia in his free time.

## Current Study

Antoine wants to use his degree to become an advocate for those members of society without the means to advocate for themselves. He believes that the justice system can be reformed with concerted efforts from individuals who have a passion for helping those who are unable to afford adequate legal representation. He believes that passion can help sustain individuals when they encounter obstacles and a system that may be resistant to change.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

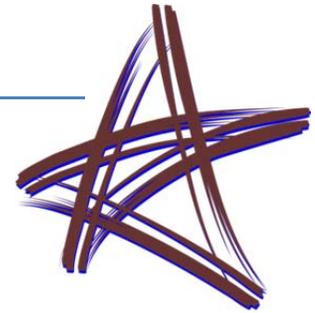
One of Antoine's motivations is to help remove obstacles that keep individuals from actualizing their dreams and desires. He believes that knowledge can help demystify the higher levels of our society and encourage excellent people to strive for excellence. Antoine employs the things he has learned about the law school admissions process and law school to mentor his peers who wish to pursue a legal education. He also tutors his peers about the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).



Antoine Southern

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Chelsea Fox**

**Philander Smith College**  
**Junior**  
**English**

## About Me

To me, the purpose of living life is not to please others, Al but to grow and evolve into the person one is meant to become. Three adjectives to describe me are charismatic, confident, and jovial. Coming from an urban inner city area like many HBCU students, I desire always to better myself and be the best Chelsea I can be. I enjoy reading, traveling, listening to music, being with friends, and engaging in my mentor/mentee relationships.

## Current Study

As an English major, I plan to attend another HBCU and obtain a Master's of Education Degree in Educational Leadership. With the M.Ed., I can become a teacher, administrator, or both. Moreover, I can make a greater impact on low income communities by becoming a teacher's union leader, an assistant principal, principal, department chair, and/or school board member.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

My service and leadership on campus and in Little Rock evidence that I am an All Star student. I am a volunteer and officer in many campus organizations as well as local/national organizations. I take the initiative to make changes or differences in the communities around me. I have been featured on television news, radio programs, and in local newspapers. I am proof that HBCU's are still relevant because they not only produced society's past, but also their present and future great leaders.



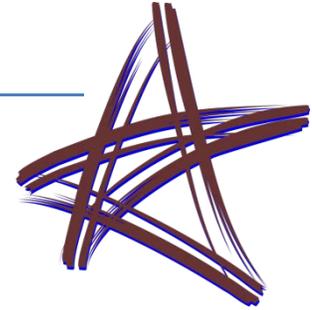
Chelsea Fox



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Priscilla Barbour**

**Prairie View A&M University**  
**Senior**  
**Political Science**

## About Me

I am a native of Dallas, Texas and attending Prairie View A&M University, the second oldest state institution in the state of Texas. My choice to attend an HBCU stemmed from my older sisters who also attended an HBCU, Grambling State University. I found my passion for service by becoming a member of Student Government Association, as the Student Government Association President my love for Prairie View and my passion for service continues to grow. I love my HBCU, and I strive to live up to our motto that "Prairie View Produces Productive People"

## Current Study

I am currently a candidate for graduation for a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Sociology. Upon my graduation I am planning to attend graduate school to study Public Administration. I have applied to the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas and The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. My ultimate goal is to lead in the field of city management and urban planning.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

As the Student Government Association President of Prairie View A&M University representing approximately 8,500 students, I serve as a voice for those who trust me to be a noble, professional and principled leader. I am honored to serve as the first female SGA President Prairie View has witnessed in 14 years and the third female to hold this prestigious position. I have made voters rights and civic engagement an integral part of my tenure, and was influential in securing Prairie View A&M University as an official polling cite.



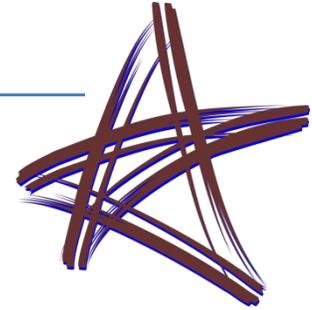
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Larance Carter**

**Rust College  
Junior  
Social Work**

## About Me

“Be the change you wish to see in the world” is the quote that drives me daily. I’m a hard-working, ambitious leader who’s on a mission; failure is simply not an option. While being hard-working and ambitious, I’m very personable and enjoy helping others – especially children, who are my passion. Family and friendships are of much value.

## Current Study

Social work is the profession of helping individuals, families, groups, or organizations enhance or restore their ability to function socially. The primary mission of Social Work is “to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty” (NASW). I plan to obtain my Masters of Social Work and work for an agency that primarily provides services to families and children.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

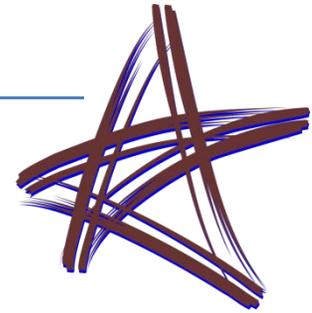
By their fruits, ye shall know them" is the Rust College motto students strive to live by. From day one of becoming a Rust College Bearcat, this truth was embedded in me--that my deeds are direct representation of who I am. At my HBCD, I bear fruit of scholarship, service, and leadership. My various jobs on campus and my involvement allows me to give of myself for the development of Rust and toward my fellow students' matriculation. I consider myself an All-Star at my HBCU because the fruit I bear can be seen in each peer whose life I have impacted positively, every student who has benefited from my advice and modeling



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Sarah Dillard**

**Savannah State University  
Freshman  
Civil Engineer Technology**

## About Me

During time of leisure, I seek out ways to better myself such as participating in personal fitness and building my character through organizations that bring out the best in my hidden talents, like singing in the gospel choir at school. When I am alone time I enjoy reading romance novels and book series by T.D Jakes for inspiration.

## Current Study

Civil Engineering Technology delivers the analytical and technical side of engineering. Using sketch and design software such as Auto-Cad software, students develop sketches, designs, and products in 2-D and 3-D drawings for local communities and at- large. While earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology, I plan to accomplish summer research internships and attend the National Emerging Researchers Conference annually held in Washington, D.C.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am a HBCU All- Star because I understand that in serving others, I am serving myself. I also believe that what affects my community affects me, and however I can assist in bettering my society, I will.



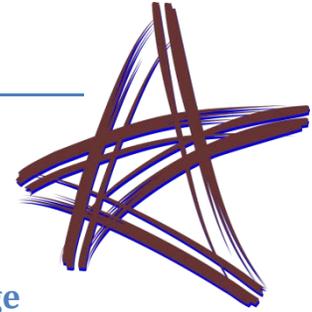
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Morgan LaRon Curry**

**Shelton State Community College**  
**Sophomore**  
**Public Relations and Spanish**

## About Me

If I were asked to describe myself in one word, charismatic would be my first choice. I love to help others and I am a people-oriented type of guy, which is why I am honored to serve as an ambassador at Shelton. It allows for me to assist other students while giving me the opportunity to network with my fellow peers.

## Current Study

My current educational goals are to obtain an associate degree from Shelton State Community College and then transfer to The University of Alabama where I will major in public relations with a minor in Spanish. I am very effective when it comes to both written and oral communication, and I also have the ability to interact with people of all ages. With my PR degree, I attend on furthering into broadcasting.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I feel that I am an HBCU All-Star because I am not the standard stereotypical African American male of my age. I am scholarly and I believe the first step to a brighter future is an education. I also have no hesitation when it comes to the act of contributing to the well-being of others alongside contributing to my college and community. I am beyond blessed and honored to be a 2014 HBCU All-Star. This recognition has given me the set initiative to follow my dreams wherever they take me, no matter the risk.

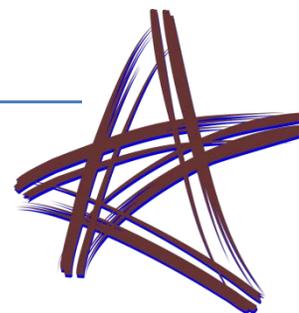


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# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Harold J. Rickenbacker**

**South Carolina State University  
Senior  
Civil Engineering Technology**

## About Me

Harold Rickenbacker was born in Orangeburg, SC, where he graduated from Orangeburg Wilkinson High School ranked third in his graduating class with a 4.6 GPA. Following graduation Harold chose to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering Technology due to his vast interest in the STEM field. Harold currently attends South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC where he is a senior, member of the Honors College, and is actively involved in various organizations on campus. These organizations include the Student Government Association where he serves as Mr. South Carolina State University, the Student Orientation Leaders, the National Society of Black Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Golden Key International Honour Society, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and S.A.F.E (Students Actively Fighting for the Environment). Outside of school related events Harold enjoys spending time with his friends, family, and fraternity. During his free time he also enjoys surfing the web, and playing chess.

## Current Study

Through internship experiences Harold was able to pinpoint Civil Engineering as the ideal career field for him. Harold has had a chance to intern with UCOR in Oak Ridge, TN through the URS, SPAWAR Atlantic Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, SC, and the Orangeburg County Economic Development Commission. He has also shadowed engineering works through Brown and Caldwell Engineering Firm, and Alliance Engineers. After graduation Harold plans to pursue a master's degree in either Environmental Engineering or Engineering Management.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

When defining an all-star you think of someone who displays a high-level of performance in their specific field. Harold displays a high-level of performance by excelling in the academic and social climate of his university. In his role of Mr. South Carolina State University, Harold is expected to attend all university events and serve as the official face of South Carolina State University alongside the campus queen. It is his job to also serve as a role model of what the epitome of a male student on SC State's campus should represent; this is what makes Harold an HBCU All-star.



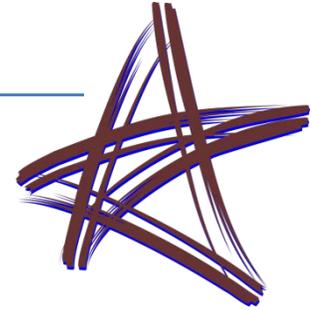
Harold Rickenbacker



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Jasmine Harris**

**South Carolina State University**  
**Sophomore**  
**Accounting**

## About Me

I am a softball player and Honors College Student at South Carolina State. I am a hardworking, diligent and compassionate person who strives to be the absolute best that I can be. That compassion has led me to spend much of my time volunteering. I love to be challenged academically and athletically because there is always room to grow. In my free time, I love to play the piano, read, watch Doctor Who, and spend time with friends and family.

## Current Study

I am currently earning my B.S. in Accounting at South Carolina State University, so I can become a Certified Accountant. My major is geared towards preparing me to not only become an accountant, but also a businesswoman prepared for a global and diverse environment. I plan on going to graduate school to earn my MBA in Accounting so that I may have more versatility in the workplace. My dream is to one day own and operate a successful business that exists to increase financial literacy for those who live in lower income communities.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an energetic and enthusiastic student-athlete who is ready to make a positive impact at my HBCU just one step at a time. I currently maintain a 3.8 GPA while majoring in Accounting. I am a part of the SC State Honors College, an active athlete on the SC State Softball Team, and have dedicated numerous hours of my free time volunteering on campus and in the local community of Orangeburg. I am currently planning an on-campus event to promote the importance of physical fitness. I thank God every day for this amazing opportunity that I have been presented with.



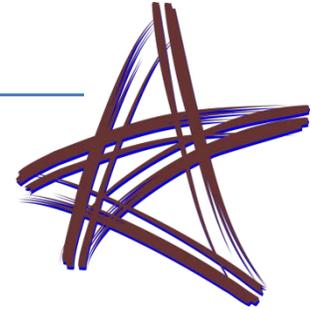
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**Robert L. L. Chambers**

**Southern University and A&M College  
PhD Candidate  
Urban Forestry Management and Policy**

## About Me

Robert L. L. Chambers is currently a PhD Candidate who attends Southern University and A&M College. Robert studies Urban Forestry, his research focuses on the monitoring and assessment of urban forests structure, function, and value. His favorite quote is by Fredrick Douglass “Without struggle there is no progress”. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

## Current Study

Urban Forestry refers to the management of all publicly and privately owned natural resources within an urban area. Urban forests are an integral part of community ecosystems, whose numerous elements (such as people, animals, buildings, infrastructure, water, and air) interact to significantly affect the quality of urban life. One of the main goals of urban forestry is to optimize forest benefits for society.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

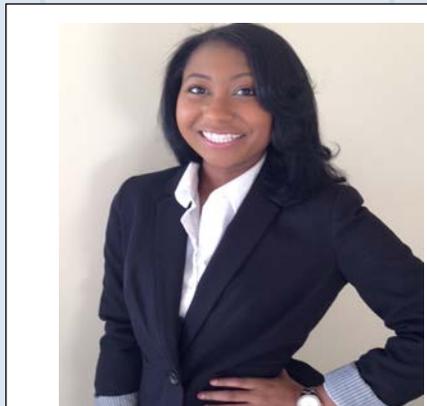
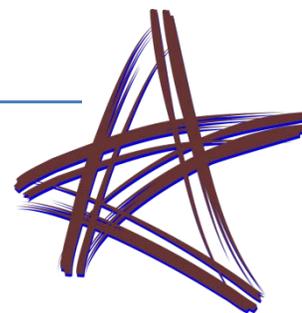
I am a HBCU all-star because of my stewardship and devotion to my program and to the students in the program. While maintaining a 4.0 GPA perusing my PhD, I’ve worked as Doctoral Research Assistant teaching courses in my program. It has been in this position I’ve made an impact on undergraduate students. I am actively involved within the community that surrounds my campus working on various service projects with multiple organizations. As a mentor I enjoy making a difference in at risk youth lives.



Robert Chambers

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Bria K. Carrithers**

**Spelman College**  
**Junior**  
**Biology/ Pre-Medicine**

## About Me

I am a third year Biology/Pre-Medicine major from Albany, Georgia. I have the distinct honor to represent my hometown and what it is able to cultivate. I am very passionate about service to those in need, so I am also a student mentor to young girls and a Children's Healthcare of Atlanta volunteer. My interests include journaling, spending time with family, listening to music, and studying the Bible. The scripture that I live by is Jeremiah 29:11.

## Current Study

Currently, I am majoring in biology concentrating in pre-medicine. Here, I have to the chance to explore different avenues of biology, such as Organismal Form and Function and Molecular Biology, while still taking classes that are required for admission into medical school, such as Mammalian Physiology, Biochemistry, Statistics, Physics, and Chemistry. My career goal is to become an Internal Medicine physician, specializing in hematology/oncology. In this profession, I will also have a chance to specifically focus on health disparities/diseases that plague African Americans and other minorities.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star due to Spelman's ability to foster and cultivate excellence in every woman that walks through its gates. Spelman's molding of my brand as a resilient and intelligent African American woman has not only impacted my life, but the lives of those that I will come in contact with in the future. To be an HBCU All-Star Student also means to be a determined and fearless leader in the classroom, throughout the campus and in the community, while also learning and applying knowledge from outside sources, which is an attribute that all Spelman women, including me, possess.



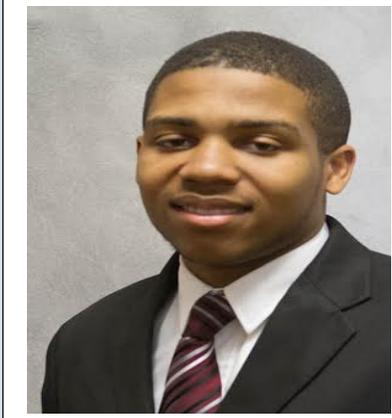
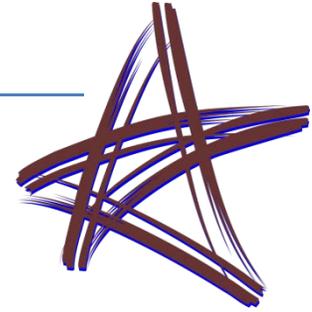
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Jeraun Pogue**

**Stillman College**  
**Junior**  
**Business Administration**

## About Me

Jeraun Pogue is a native of Mobile, Alabama. Jeraun enjoys playing the drums, giving back to the community through service and mentoring, and helping to improve student life at Stillman College. Jeraun is a Dean's List scholar because of his academic achievement. Jeraun is currently employed as Head Residential Assistant of John Knox Hall on campus. He has previous experience as an intern with Commonwealth National Bank.

## Current Study

Jeraun Pogue is a junior Business Administration major with a concentration in Accounting at Stillman. Upon graduating Stillman, Jeraun plans to enroll in graduate school to pursue a Master of Accountancy and one day become a Certified Management Accountant. Jeraun aspires to one day work for a Fortune 500 company.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Jeraun is an advocate for his campus and is very involved in student organizations including Sigma Alpha Pi: The National Society of Leadership and Success, Chief Justice on the Student Government Association, and Treasurer of Collegiate 100. In these roles, Jeraun dedicates his time toward serving students and the West Alabama community. His leadership exemplifies the true definition of a Stillman man and an HBCU All-Star.



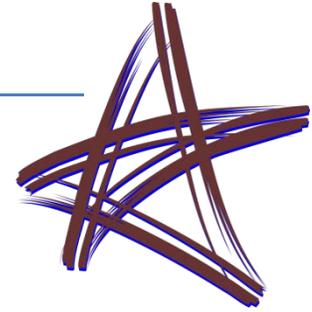
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Jeremiah Cooper**

**Tennessee State University**  
**Sophomore**  
**Computer Science**

## **About Me**

In my past work experience, I have worked at various Nashville companies and programs such as Metro Water Services, The First Tee of Nashville, Citizens Bank, and a teaching and research assistant in the Computer Science department at Tennessee State University. My hobbies include golf, skateboarding, dancing, listening/creating music and sounds, and spending time with family and friends.

## **Current Study**

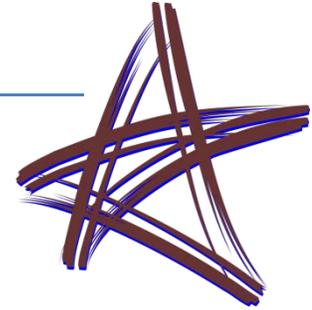
Currently I am studying Computer Science. I have enjoyed all my classes thus far. With the experience and knowledge that I have gained during my matriculation, I have given interests to software development, game programming, applications engineering, and data analysis as a list of the concentrations that I will consider to pursue. Technology and music are two of my greatest passions. My ultimate goal is to either create my own music software, or program and innovate current music software.

## **Why I am an HBCU All-Star**

I believe I am an HBCU All-Star because of the amount of hard work ethic and perseverance that I display. I not only strive to be an excellent student, but also strive to become a positive individual that will benefit society. Regardless of the mistakes I make, whether academically or personally, I always persevere through the obstacles and challenges I face in my life. I have dreams and ambitions that I envision; dreams and ambitions I wish to make a reality. If I continue to pray to God for the strength that He has given me to continue to work hard and persevere, I can live out the dreams I visualize.

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Glenn Johnson Jr.**

**Texas College  
Senior**

**English/Education Minor: Criminal Justice**

## About Me

I'm an outgoing, sturdy, man with integrity and stands for what I believe. I've worked in two school district, one at Cedar Hill High School (Hall Monitor), and A.W. Brown Fellowship Charter School (Substitute Teacher). I have personal experience in the fields I would love to pursue my career goals in, and would enjoy doing either one of them. I just enjoy life and enjoy the different organizations I'm a part of.

## Current Study

I'm majoring in English with Teacher Certification grades 8-12 and Minor in Criminal Justice. With a Bachelor of Science in English with Certification 8-12, gives me the opportunity to teach at a high school level and help enhance the students' minds. With the Minor in Criminal Justice gives me the opportunity to help protect and service the community and stop all the violence.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

As an African American male in college having blossomed into to an amazing person, I stride to put my all into the things I truly believe in. Being part of these other organizations made me the intelligent, studious, out-going, and hard-working young man that I am today. This is why I, Glenn Johnson Jr. is a 2014 HBCU All-Star Student.



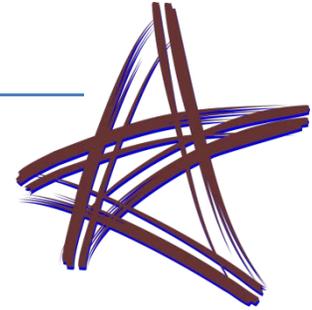
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Candace Jones**

**Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy  
and Health Sciences (TSU COPHS)**

**Year P1**

**Pharmacy**

## **About Me**

My name is Candace Jones and I am a native Houstonian. I received my Bachelor of Science from Prairie View A&M University and my Masters of Health Administration from the University of Phoenix. I have worked in many aspects of pharmacy including academia, research and inpatient pharmacy. I have had the opportunity to meet many influential people in my field and I hope to one day be an influential person to future generations.

## **Current Study**

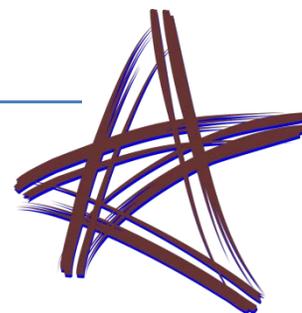
I am currently in my first year of Pharmacy School. Upon graduation, I plan to apply for a residency program in Academia. My plan is to come back to TSU COPHS and teach in the pharmacy program part-time. I would also like to continue my work in a Research/Investigational Pharmacy at one of our local hospitals and become an integral part of new innovations in the healthcare field.

## **Why I am an HBCU All-Star**

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am a leader and a team player. I work well with others and embrace their ideas and opinions. I am also dedicated to setting and achieving my goals. I thrive on being a role model for future generations by showing them that no matter what curve balls life throws, you can overcome and still achieve your goals. I ensure that I maximize opportunities set forth for me and encourage others to do the same. I am also affiliated with service organizations that allow me to give back to my community.

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Kisa Harris**

**Tougaloo College  
Junior  
Chemistry**

## About Me

I am a native of Clinton, Mississippi. At Tougaloo, I am active in numerous on-campus organizations. I also conduct research and tutor chemistry.

I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, discovering fun projects on Pinterest, listening to music, and playing the violin. I also love working with young people and meeting new people.

## Current Study

I am studying chemistry at Tougaloo College. Upon completing my baccalaureate degree in 2015, I plan to obtain the Doctor of Medicine degree. I desire to practice pediatric medicine in a medically underserved area in Mississippi.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Because I was raised by a single parent, some people have said that the odds of my success are slim. However, my mother has always told me that success is possible with an education. I am who I am today because I value education. Following my mother's example, I will continue to communicate the value of education to students and encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities that lead them in the direction of their dreams. I aim to help our students to realize that, when they are equipped with an education, they can change the world and they, too, can be All-Stars.



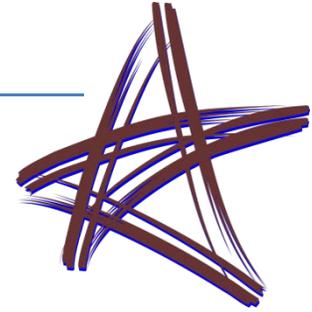
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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Kalauna Carter**

**Tuskegee University**

**Junior**

**Environmental Science focus in Plant and Soil Science**

## About Me

My name is Kalauna Carter, I am a native of the beautiful city of Portland, Oregon and I am currently attending Tuskegee University. I am the youngest of three children. I love spending time with my family and friends from eating, laughing and sharing old memories. My hobbies include creative writing, reading, painting, crafts and traveling. I have a passion for history and in my spare time I love watching historical movies and traveling to historical sites.

## Current Study

I am currently attending Tuskegee University, where I am majoring in Environmental Science with a focus in the plant and soil sciences. I like to think of myself as a future scientist in preparation and I have high hopes of one day working in the field as an agricultural service provider to producers and surrounding communities.

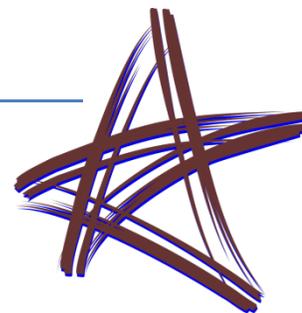
## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

Attending Tuskegee University was one of the best decisions I have ever made. While I have been here, Tuskegee has allowed me to not only grow academically and socially but thrive in many ways. I am an HBCU ALL-Star because of all my commitments I have made not only to myself but to my community. I am actively involved on campus and throughout the greater Tuskegee community, through various campus organizations and mentoring and tutoring programs. I believe that all things are possible and your dreams are only as big as you allow them to be.

That's what makes me an HBCU ALL-Star.

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Aneesa Sood**

**Tuskegee University**  
**Sophomore**  
**Biology**

## About Me

I am the author of *Freshman Fifteen: The Most Important Things I Learned In My First Year Of College* and the founder of an anti-bullying program called But Words Will Never Hurt Me. I also recently launched a new organization called Esteem 4 Girls because I am determined to inspire other young women to reach their full potential. In addition, I am Vice-President of the Tennessee Club, Treasurer of Tantum Hall, Miss Sophomore, a Laser Leader and a biology tutor at Tuskegee's Center for Academic Excellence and Innovative Learning. I am also an Eminent Scholar and a member of the Golden Keys Honor Society and the National Society for Leadership and Success.

## Current Study

I am a biology major and I am passionate about medicine. The medical profession is demanding and I am often reminded that doctors have to be in school for a "long time." These comments fail to deter me because I have a vivid vision that keeps me going. I want to be a part of the growing number of African American physicians dedicated to helping patients in underserved communities, and this goal inspires me to work diligently. In addition to healing the sick, I intend to educate people about prevention and encourage academic excellence because education is closely related to income, wellbeing and access to health care.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

As a Laser Leader, I help incoming freshmen make the transition from high school to college. As Miss Sophomore, I reach into the community surrounding the campus to inspire and motivate youth. As a biology tutor, I assist students academically while also showing them that there is nothing wrong with getting help; when I have difficulty mastering a subject, I never hesitate to seek tutoring. Through my book, *Freshman Fifteen: The Most Important Things I Learned in My First Year of College*, I am now able to reach many more people and encourage them to remain in school, excel and graduate.



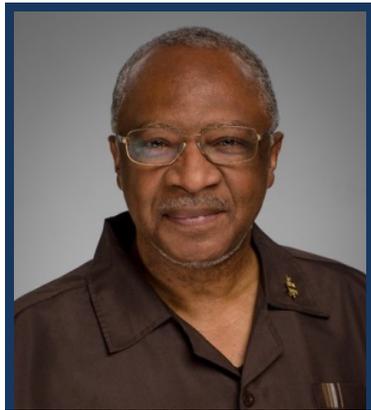
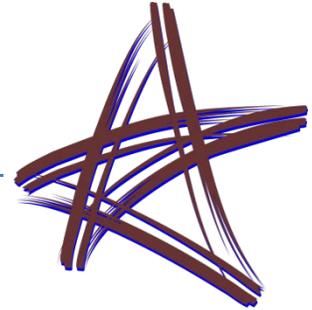
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**Abdul-Hameed Nurridin**

**University of the District of Columbia Community College**

**Junior**

**Administration of Justice/Sociology**

## About Me

My interests are focused on learning and applying evidenced based practices in the many fields of social work. I have worked in social services/homeless services for ten years and as an investigator for defense attorneys under the Criminal Justice Act. When time permits, outside of studies, my interests are martial arts, tennis, and high performance vehicles. I have two sons and a new granddaughter.

## Current Study

I am finishing an AAS in Correction Administration with a focus on prevention and community treatment. I will transition to an Administration of Justice and Sociology major with a clear goal of attaining a master's degree and becoming licensed as a Clinical Social Worker. My goal is to start a comprehensive integrated treatment center based on evidenced based practices.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I believe in scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. I have been, and will continue to be very active in my community completely embracing diversity. I understand the valuable role HBCUs have played in the development of our country, and I am willing to play my part in sustaining them.



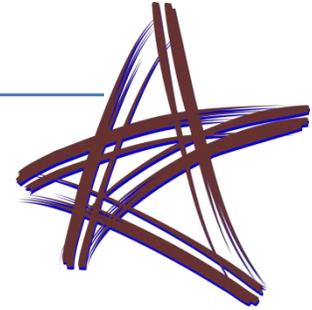
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**Chanel Banks**  
**University of Maryland**  
**Eastern Shore**  
**Rehabilitation Services**

## About Me

I love to smile (after 7 years of braces). I believe in treating people the way you would like to be treated and I try to live my life around that concept. The most important quality about me is that I'm resilient. I have had a lot of downfalls in my life; however, I have been able to always lift myself back up. I have learned my greatest lesson which is to apply myself. Because I use to suffer from low self-esteem, I never applied myself. Fortunately, I was able to find my true worth and have exceeded in my academics, and my overall life.

## Current Study

I am currently majoring in Rehabilitation Services. After completion of my undergrad, I plan to attend graduate school and receive my master's in social work. With both degrees, I plan on spearheading my organization that promotes education in all aspects of life to the African- American community. As a proud African American woman, I refuse to let my brothers and sisters fall to society's stereotypes. My education is not just for me; my education is for the betterment of my people.

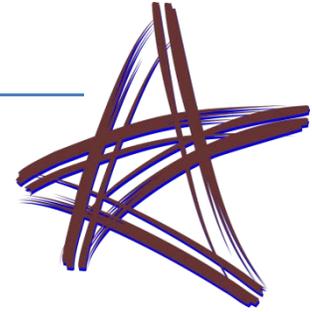
## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because *I am hope*. In today's society where negativity is glorified and seems to be growing in the black community; I plan on standing out, I plan on using my education to advance the betterment of the black community; and it starts at home, my home ...an HBCU. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not" – Dr. Seuss. I am that someone. *I am hope*.



Chanel Banks

# 2014 HBCU All-Star



**Kevin Dixon**  
**University of the Virgin Islands**  
**Senior**  
**Business Administration:**  
**Marketing**

## About Me

I am a senior at the University of the Virgin Islands on the Albert A. Sheen Campus in St. Croix. I am truly passionate about Education, the development of others and making a positive impact on my society. Thus, I committed myself to be involved in a number of facets in my University and the wider community. Currently I am serving my second term as the President of Student Government where I was able to increase the awareness of the organization and students involvement.

## Current Study

Currently, I am pursuing an Associate's degree in Business Management and a Bachelor degree in Business Administration and a concentration in Marketing. I am scheduled to graduate in May of 2014. Upon graduation, I do plan to further my education and receive a degree in Organizational Leadership. With my passion for the development of others, I hope to open a non-profit which focuses on career development, scholarships, internships, and leadership development.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

"If the potential for success can be embodied and encapsulated, then Mr. Kevin Dixon would be the international icon for this ideal", these are words authored by former Dean of Students Mrs. Osborne-Elliott to describe me. My commitment to having an impact has fueled my involvement in many facets at the University of the Virgin Islands and the wider Virgin Islands community, thus distinguishing myself among my peers. Recently, I was sworn-in to the first Virgin Islands' Legislative Youth Advisory Council. As a member of this organization, I will assist elected officials with the decision-making process as it relates to issues affecting the USVI's youth. Additionally, I have successfully moved up in rank during my past years in the Student Government Association, where I first served as the Public Relations Officer and today, I am currently serving my second terms as the President. In addition, I am also serving as the Student Ambassador to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. My academic preparation, work experiences and co-curricular involvement has afforded me the opportunity to be versed in a variety of policies and practices that serve as key indicators of a truly well-rounded public servant and skilled professional.



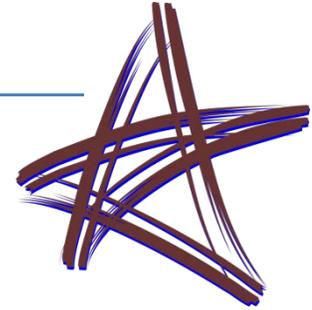
Kevin Dixon



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**Arogeanae Brown**

**Virginia State University  
Sophomore Agriculture  
Business**

## About Me

If I'm not at school or interning over the summer, I'm engaged with managing my nonprofit organization, Building Youth Tomorrow Today governance leadership sustainability grant for a \$12,000 that I was presented by Fresno County First Five program. Traveling and developing my leadership skills are important, so I make sure I apply to various programs that will allow me to do so. This year I was accepted into the Gloucester Emerging Leaders Program, where other college students and I gathered to become best leaders possible. I was born to be a profound leader by establishing and developing potential skills in communication.

## Current Study

I chose to major in Agriculture Business because I am committed to creating improved communities. My hometown, Fresno, California, is a primary industry in agriculture. Even with such production, the southwest area of Fresno consists of multiple food deserts, brownfields, and has the highest concentration of poverty in the nation. Knowing these realities about my county has motivated me to gain knowledge on implementing initiatives and critiquing policies to help build safe and healthy environments with the resources available. If managed properly, agriculture can feed, house, and cloth the people it surrounds, plus generate funds and jobs. Components as such are what consist in sustainable and healthy communities, and I plan to implement them within underserved communities.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

I am an HBCU All-Star because I am dedicated to my studies and the development of the underserved communities. No matter where I am placed to further my knowledge, I will always participate in impacting and grass-rooted activities within my university and communities. Virginia State University (VSU) has been a wonderful resource for its students and myself in becoming knowledgeable in their chosen field and involved in community development projects. As a child, raised on the westside of Fresno, CA, anyone attending an HBCU was an all-star, and I am proud to say I am a HBCU All-Star student for life.



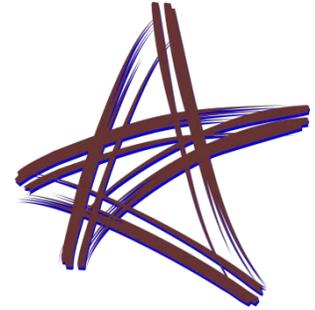
Arogeanae Brown



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# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Akirah Crawford**  
**Virginia State University**  
**Senior**  
**Psychology**

## About Me

I am currently finishing up my Bachelors of Science Degree in Psychology. I am a past recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship in which I studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa. I am passionate about youth development work and my involvement with the Virginia Youth and College Division Chapter of NAACP on my campus. I am currently the President of my chapter and the Juvenile Justice Chair for the Virginia Youth and College Division.

## Current Study

My major is psychology. I truly enjoy youth development work and I believe in the use of Rehabilitative measures when combating youth recidivism rates. I want to become a Correctional psychologists and own a non-profit organization that assists youth in conflict with the law.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

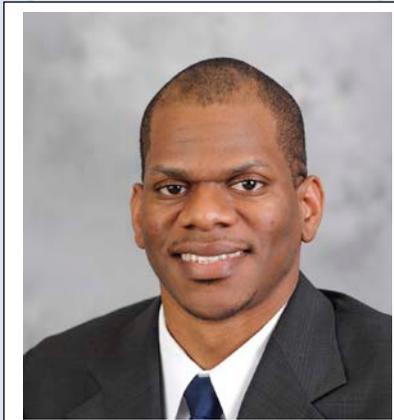
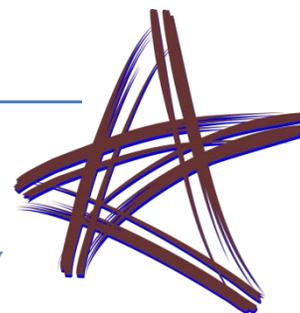
I am an HBCU All-Star because I am a leader on my campus but more importantly an influencer. I am also a spreader of knowledge and a firm believer in building a better world. Outside of my academic achievements as a Provost Scholar and a Honors Student, I am very active on my campus and in my community. The true embodiment of an HBCU All-Star is someone who is multifaceted and can wear many different hats.



Akirah Crawford

# 2014 HBCU All-Star

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**Georges Isaac Guillaume**  
**Winston-Salem State University**  
**Senior**  
**Chemistry**

## About Me

I am of Haitian-decent and have a passion for healthcare in underserved communities. I am an aspiring physician, who aims to practice and serve in impoverished communities within the US and abroad. In my leisure, I enjoy playing basketball, watching movies and attending art shows.

## Current Study

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry (with American Chemical Society certification) with Minors in Biology and Physics.

Senior research project: The use of easily accessible fibrous proteins to promote nerve cell proliferation in an effort to accelerate peripheral nerve injuries.

## Why I am an HBCU All-Star

“Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve”; I have tried to represent Winston-Salem State University (WSSU)’s motto to my fullest ability, academically and socially, as an ambassador on and off campus. Through my leadership positions and internships, I have encouraged and informed others of the possibilities and opportunities within and outside the walls of a HBCU. It is my belief that the impact on one’s peers and community is what truly distinguishes one as an all-star.

At WSSU, I have mentored and tutored students from a range of backgrounds, and have participated in many community service projects. With the PILI Society, I have led the campaign for healthy lifestyles among college men through mentorship, weekly study groups and weekly exercises. Through my involvement in the WSSU chapter of SNMA-MAPS, more students are engaged in physician shadowing and medically related volunteering than in years past.

Outside of WSSU, at Columbia University Medical Center’s SMDEP, I was awarded for outstanding performance in Physics. I have had the opportunity to conduct award-winning research in the fields of microbial pathogenesis autoimmunity through the Yale School of Medicine and Harvard Catalyt, and assist with Haiti-relief and rebuilding through the Job Lamour Foundations, Inc.



Georges Isaac Guillaume