

About Brown Hands Literacy

Brown Hands Literacy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate Black and Brown children and families about Historically Black College and Universities while also building a love for literacy through Black children's books, HBCU literacy experiences, and films.

Brown Hands, Black Schools HBCUs film is an engaging, educational, and fun animated short film with live-action scenes highlighting the rich history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities while also educating its viewers about the Science of Reading. The film takes us on an adventure with Aria and Walter as they visit their cousin's HBCU for homecoming. We get to see them walk the yard, watch the football game, and enjoy the band. We learn that HBCUs produce 80 percent of the nation's Black judges, as well as half of the country's Black doctors and lawyers!

Meet the Cast

Walter L. Turner.....Narrator, Walter

Skylar Adams..... Aria

Rylee Davis.....Self

Latoya S. Turner.....Self

Ashley Mackey..... Mrs. Phelps

Latasha Coleman..... Mom

Travis Mackey..... Dad

Zoe Freeman..... Norah

Meet the Production Team

Producer, writer, and director: Latoya S. Turner

Co-producer and co-writer: Angela K. Davis

Animator: Yanise Cabrera

Videographer: Olaide Daboiku

Music: The Invincible Marching Marauders Band & Joseph Ruddleston

About Latoya S. Turner

Latoya S. Turner (Cincinnati, OH) is a mother, educator, author, HBCU advocate, coaching specialist, filmmaker and founder and executive director of Brown Hands Literacy nonprofit organization, where she works to provide literacy and HBCU experiences to families in inner-city communities.

Latoya holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Central State University and a Master's in Reading and Literacy from Central Michigan University. She is known for her bubbly personality, contagious smile, and unwavering commitment to providing literacy and HBCU experiences to the youth. Latoya self-published *Brown Hands, Black Schools* HBCUs children's book in 2021. Bringing this book to life is a dream come true for Latoya.

To learn more about Brown Hands Literacy, please visit brownhandsliteracy.org and follow them on all social media platforms [@brownhandsliteracy](https://www.instagram.com/brownhandsliteracy)

The film will be released during Black History Month, February 2024. Please visit brownhandsliteracy.org to watch the entire film!