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MY HBCU EXPERIENCE STARTED IN MY **NEIGHBORHOOD AND ON MY STREET**

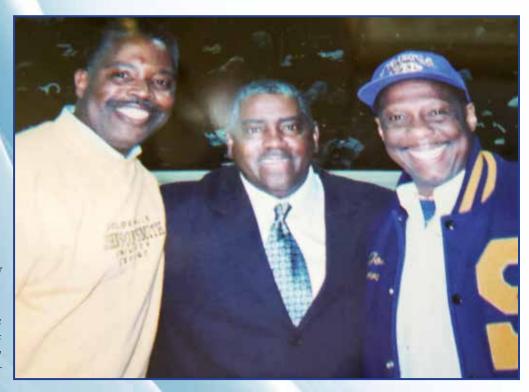


By Dr. James B. Ewers Jr.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities have always been academic cathedrals of learning, hope and inspiration. Long ago and years gone by, they created educational opportunities for people who look like me.

They continue to provide the knowledge needed to compete today.

The HBCU community is spread throughout the world. Alumni from these schools have achieved and excelled at a high level.



Dr. James Ewers former HBCU vice president, youth advocate. The man in the center is Steve Joyner, men's basketball coach at Johnson C. Smith University and the man with the S on his jacket is Albert Jordan elementary school principal, educator

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Spoken N' Heard Falling in Like

(And in Love)

By Dana Rettig

Like a gentle breeze on a summer's eve, you slowly but surely ease my pain away.

Like waves crashing against the shore, my mind and body yearns for you more each day.

Like an endless whisper, I feel a sense of peace overflowing my senses every time.

Like a love song, your rhythm entices me to become one with you; wow... how I cannot get your lyrics out of my mind.

Like sparks to a flame, you ignite the passion within my soul; a satiable feeling that I cannot describe.

Like the moon in the sky, your light shines brightly in the dark, oh, how brilliant you are in my eyes.

Like the air I breathe, I feel liberated in more ways than one.

I look forward to our impending journeys, waiting to see what is yet to come.

Like the rain falling from the sky, you caress my spirit with your undying devotion.

If I could give you the world, I would do so without a second notion.

When I'm with you, the world feels lighter on my feet and my worries are spent.

You are more than a lover and confidant, you're my soulmate and my best friend.

You believe in me when I deem otherwise, pushing me to the limit because you know my potential.

I can honestly say that you are truly something special.

Again, like rain from the sky, you caress my soul with your undying love.

Like the air that I breathe, my mind and soul are liberated in more ways than one...

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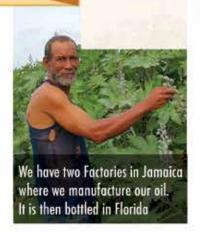
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MY HBCU EXPERIENCE STARTED IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND ON MY STREET

I grew up in a North Carolina city that was surrounded by Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Within a short drive there were at least five of them.

In a good way, I took them for granted. Growing up in Winston-Salem NC, I could walk to Winston-Salem Teachers College, now Winston-Salem State University. On my street lived Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, a former president of the school.

And around the corner was Mr. Clarence "Big House" Gaines, his wife Mrs. Clara Gaines and their two children. I had a first- hand view of the legend of Coach Gaines before he was a legend.

I would see players like Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Richard Glover and Ted Blunt on a regular basis. I do not know at what point I began to realize these guys were star basketball players.

Mrs. Gaines who passed away recently was my Latin teacher at Atkins High School.

The HBCU mindset was imbedded in me at an early age. Older guys on my street like Ray Joyner (Lincoln University of Pennsylvania), and James Arthur Price (North Carolina College now University) would come home during their breaks and talk about these schools.

They were recruiting and did not know it.

My teachers at Atkins High School were HBCU graduates. They often talked about their college experiences and how they became teachers.

We had HBCU ambassadors teaching us every day.

These early times of having HBCU students in my neighborhood and HBCU alumni as teachers were fundamental in my developing a love for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

All of this was coupled with the fact that each year at the Memorial Coliseum, there was the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) basketball tournament. The CIAA is the oldest African American athletic conference in America. It was founded in 1912.

As elementary and high school kids, we would go and have fun. If you have never attended a CIAA basketball tournament, you are missing out on a grand celebration of HBCU excellence.

There is so much to do and see. I cannot describe it. You just have to go!

The majority of HBCUs are in the South. The oldest HBCU is Cheney University of Pennsylvania founded in 1852.

As I matured, I knew I would attend a Black college. There was never a question about it.

I am a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University located in Charlotte NC. It was founded in 1867. I have countless memories of my JCSU days and I hold them close to my heart.

I was blessed to have attended Johnson C. Smith University.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities continue to make history. Kamala Harris, a graduate of Howard University in Washington DC is the Vice President of the United States of America.

It is great that Chris Paul (basketball) and Deion Sanders (football) are using their platforms to talk about the importance of HBCUs. MacKenzie Scott, philanthropist has given away millions of dollars to our schools so that they can continue their missions.

As HBCU students, celebrate them. You are a part of a great and enduring cadre of people who attended them. Stay the course and sound the bell of encouragement for others to hear.

Our schools have given past and future graduates a template for success. Graduate and give back! As the years unfold, you too, will be able to write your own HBCU story.

Our schools have endured the trials and the tough times. The light will never go out on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Their importance to the world is too great.



Your Best Year Yet!

As we prepare for the 2021 school year there are a lot of unknown's out there. With Covid-19 many of you may still be learning virtually. I have created a list of 5 things to keep in mind if you working online or in person. These tips can help you have successful year of learning.

Following are 5 tips that will jumpstart your school year.



by Dr. Durden

Tip #1: Grades must be of a priority:

Make sure that you focus on making your grades the top priority. Letting a test slip here or there, missing an assignment or not reading an assignment can quickly result in a failing grade. I have seen numerous students miss an opportunity to earn a good grade due to procrastination and neglect. To combat this issue, ensure that you pace yourself and start your assignments are quickly as possible. I know this is sometimes easier said than done, but if you make a commitment to do it, you are more likely to be successful. If you are working virtually ensure you know when assignments are due according to time stamps. Some colleges go on CST others on your home time. You do not want to be marked down late for turning in a paper a couple of hours late.

Tip #2: Keep up on your emails:

Be certain to check your college email account frequently. Your college professors may post critical information regarding coursework. This is also how you will find out about special events and seminars that can help enrich your college experience. Attending special events is another really good way to enrich your studies and give you an edge. Sometimes professors offer extra credit for attending outside seminars, and you can also find

out about courses on study skills, time management and many other helpful topics. Be sure to check your email, so you don't miss out on great opportunities.

Tip #3: Find your courses interesting:

This may sound like a no brainer, but it is important that you take the time to get to know the content of your courses. Students who are more engaged in their courses typically earn higher grades. Quick ways to show an interest in your courses include reading your textbooks, using the online resources that often accompany your texts and simply showing up to class each day and being fully attentive. Professors give a lot of hints regarding what will be on assessments, but if you are not fully engaged you can miss them. These tips may sound simple, but following them will benefit you greatly. You can again build this interest by reading other books on the subject or visiting museums etc... do whatever it takes to make the content come alive.

Tip #4 Learn about your professor:

As a professor, I find that students who talk to me regarding their learning and career goals and struggles tend to do better in class. These students do better because they build rapport and are more comfortable asking questions and

seeking assistance when needed. Be sure to introduce yourself to your professor and set up a time to meet during office hours to discuss the course requirements. Taking this small step can really have a huge payoff. My son for example, made a connection with one of his professors that later helped him land his dream job. By taking the time to learn about your professors and their interests you might just find a new mentor.

Tip #5 Set goals for yourself:

We cannot end this article without reiterating on the importance of goal setting. As you embark on a new school year determine what your study goals are. Put them in an affirmative statement. For example, "I will study for 5 hours each week." This goal has the presupposition that you will set time to study. Research has shown that we are more likely to complete goals that are set in an affirmative voice than when we put them in a negative tone. You can set goals for studying, for your test and quiz grades, for seminars you will attend, etc.... The more goals you set, the more you will fulfill. Remember, you can't meet a goal that is not set.

As you embark on this school year remember to keep the focus and stay positive.

Have a successful school year!

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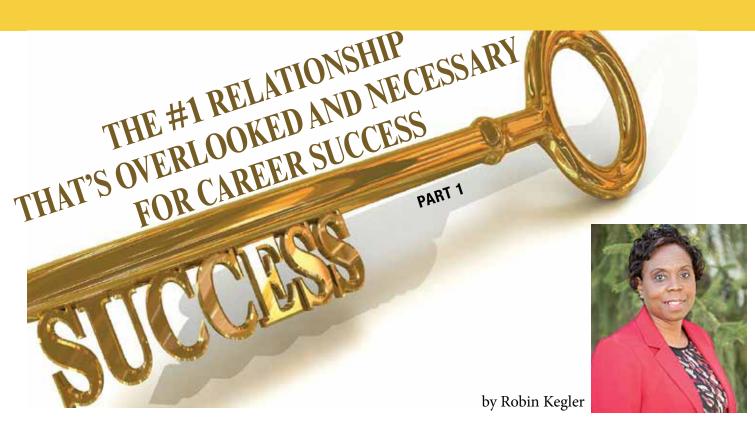
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The five relationships you must nurture to maximize your effectiveness in the marketplace can be identified by looking at the fingers in your hand. The number one relationship that gets overlooked is symbolized by your index finger.

The index, or pointer finger represents those I call pawns and pushers. Pawns and pushers are in your life to hinder your progress in achieving the plan and purpose for your career success.

Whenever you seek to move outside your comfort zone or pursue those things in your heart that will benefit others and yourself, you can expect opposition and physical restraints. Pawns and pushers will hold you down or back.

In Part 1 we look at the Pawn.

A pawn in a chess game is of least value. It can only move in one direction. Pawns become powerful when joined with another pawn to create 'a duo,' but is limited to six advances. Many times, before the game is over, there are some pawns who have taken no action

at all. Those who do move forward, end their movement before the eighth (8th) rank. Also, a pawn can be promoted to any position, except king.

How does that relate to pursuing your career dreams? A pawn is someone who can be used to further the purpose of another. In a negative situation, pawns seem like positive allies. The question you must ask yourself is, "Will my association with this person, or group propel me toward fulfilling my career dream, or kill my career dream?"

Pawns can be powerful persuaders, especially when joined with another. Their words of encouragement and support may sound so convincing that choosing to flow in the direction they are traveling seems like an obvious choice. Keep in mind three (3) things when pawns show up:

 Pawns are limited in how far they can take you and are on one track. The track may not lead to your career destination. You may not reach your destination because...

- 2. Pawns get off track before they complete the course, or do not act at all... satisfied with things as they are.
- 3. Pawns do not make it to the eighth (8th) rank. Eight (8) is the number of new beginnings. Pawns are not looking to begin something new. Neither can they envision the possibility of a life without limits. Pawns are limited in their thinking. It is what Zig Ziglar calls, "Stinkin' Thinkin'." Stinkin' Thinkin' by pawns are negative thoughts spoken aloud to hinder themselves and you.

Pawns are mockers and scoffers who want power and attention; especially the kind you are receiving but cannot get.

TIP: Review what you have written when you first imagined the possibilities of fulfilling your career dreams. If there are people who do not stand in agreement, or are negative about your career dreams, let the dream killers go and move on.

In Part 2 we will see the value of pushers in your journey toward your career success.

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The Effects of THE VERDICT - Tomorrow

This is not a re-write or re-cap of what we, unified people across the globe, witnessed from the beginning of George Floyd's tragic encounter with a police impersonator-- to the guilty verdict against Derek Chauvin that rang loudly, echoing across mountain tops. But my writing to you is more about what today means to you?

In Your Quiet Place: What Does This Mean To You?

- What does the pursuit of justice mean to you?
- What does having the opportunity to strive in excellence of education as a college student mean to you?
- What will you do with your higher learning? How will you, or do you contribute now to community wellness?
- What obligation do you hold to help teach those of other races about how racism effects our communities?
- Will you take time to sit down

- and have conversations with law enforcement and law makers of other races to help give personal testimonies concerning racial stigma that continues to pledge our country?
- Will you take the time to teach younger generations of other races about the reasons why justice and freedom for everyone is important to the health and wellness of mankind?

The Pursuit of Perpetual PEACE & JUSTICE

- Peace depends on all of us. Will you help teach those who do not relate to the movement of Black Lives Matter?
- Justice depends on all of us. Will you study and stay current on the laws and rules that govern our societies--to understand when and how to intellectually challenge injustice when we see it rearing its ugly head?

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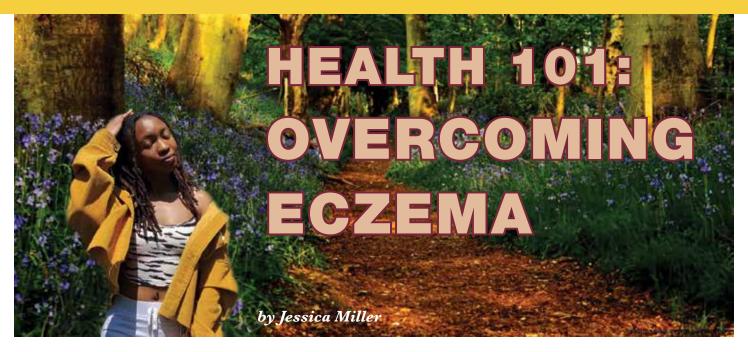








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What is Eczema?

I was first introduced into plant medicine or the knowledge of plant properties in 2017. Ever since then, it has led me to a peaceful state of well being. Getting introduced and actually taking the time to study led me to create Royalty By Roots. I enjoy formulating products for specific needs or wants by focusing on the properties from desired plants. I believe my purpose is to help lead my community back to our roots and the importance of being health conscious of what you put on or in your bodies. It's time to reclaim our health and stop poisoning our bodies with toxic chemicals. Remember you deserve the highest quality of health! As we enter the summer months, one of the most common concerns I get about skin care is dealing with eczema especially in these upcoming summer months. Dealing with eczema can be a frustrating journey, but if you are willing to put in the research to reduce the flares, it will definitely be a rewarding journey for you.

Eczema (also called atopic dermatitis) is a condition that causes your skin to become dry, red, itchy and bumpy. It's one of many types of dermatitis. Eczema damages the skin barrier

function (the "glue" of your skin). This loss of barrier function makes your skin more sensitive and more prone to infection and dryness.

What causes eczema?

Eczema (atopic dermatitis) is caused by a combination of immune system activation, genetics, environmental triggers and stress.

- Your immune system. If you have eczema, your immune system overreacts to small irritants or allergens. This overreaction can inflame your skin.
- Your genetics. You're more likely to have eczema if there is a history of dermatitis in your family. You're also at a higher risk if there's a history of asthma, hay fever and/or allergens. Allergens are substances like pollen, pet hair or foods that trigger an allergic reaction. Also, there might be a change in your genes that control a protein that helps your body maintain healthy skin. Without normal levels of that protein, your skin will not be completely healthy.
- Your environment. There is a lot in your environment that can irritate your skin. Some examples include exposure to tobacco smoke, air

pollutants, harsh soaps, fabrics such as wool and some skin products. Low humidity (dry air) can cause your skin to become dry and itchy. Heat and high humidity can cause sweating and that can make the itchiness even worse.

• Your stress. Your stress levels can cause or worsen your eczema. There are mental/emotional signs of stress and physical signs of stress. They include:

Mental/emotional signs:

- Depression.
- Difficulty relaxing.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs to relax.
- A negative opinion of yourself (low self-esteem).
- Anxiety, constant worry.
- Feeling overwhelmed.
- Difficulty with concentration.
- Irritability, mood swings, or a short temper.

Physical signs:

- Nausea and dizziness.
- Not wanting to have sex.

- Sleeping too much.
- Sleeping too little.
- Diarrhea.
- Constipation.
- Muscle tension.
- Aches and pains.

How can I reduce my risk of eczema?

There are steps you can take to prevent eczema flares:

- Establish a skin care routine, and follow your healthcare professional's recommendations for keeping your skin healthy.
- Wear gloves for jobs where you have to put your hands in water. Wear cotton gloves under plastic gloves to absorb sweat, and wear gloves outside, especially during the winter months.

- Use mild soap for your bath or shower, and pat your skin dry instead of rubbing. Apply a moisturizing cream or ointment immediately after drying your skin to help seal in the moisture. Reapply cream or ointment two to three times a day.
- Take baths or showers with tepid (lukewarm) rather than hot.
- Drink at least eight glasses of water each day. Water helps to keep your skin moist.
- Try to avoid getting too hot and sweaty.
- Wear loose clothes made of cotton and other natural materials. Wash new clothing before wearing. Avoid wool.
- Avoid sudden changes in temperature and humidity.
- Learn to recognize stress in your life and how to manage it. Regular

- aerobic exercise, hobbies and stressmanagement techniques, such as meditation or yoga, might help.
- · Limit your exposure to known irritants and allergens.
- Avoid scratching or rubbing itchy areas of skin.

Products recommended for Eczema:

- -Royalty By Roots LLC Eczema Relief Kit
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Morgan State University Named "Voter Friendly" for Third Consecutive Year

MSU Joins More than 235
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VOTER FRIENDLY CAMPUS 2021-2022

Populations at Higher Education Institutions

In an effort spearheaded by Morgan State University's (MSU) Office of Student Life and Development, MSU has retained the distinction of being named a "Voter Friendly Campus" for the third consecutive year. MSU is one of more than 235 campuses in 37 states and the District of Columbia designated as a "Voter Friendly Campus." The designation, which is valid through December 2020, comes as part of a nationwide initiative created by the nonpartisan organizations Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project (CVP) and NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

MSU's Office of Student Life and Development (OSLD) implemented a high-impact strategy designed to encourage student populations to register to vote and become active voters in the electoral process at all levels local, state and national elections. To meet the unique circumstances resulting from the ongoing pandemic and a decreased student population on campus, a diverse mix of online activities, virtual engagements and a robust social media strategy were valuable to the overall initiative's success and the distinction of "Voter Friendly Campus."

"Exercising the right to vote is

fundamentally American and we fully recognize the hard-fought history of the Civil Rights and Women's Suffrage movements that are valued legacies we aim to reinforce and grow within our student population here at Morgan," Kevin Banks, Ed.D., vice president for Student Affairs at Morgan State University. "We believe our coalition of partners worked collaboratively to accomplish the goals of the Voter Friendly Campus initiative—in spite of COVID-19 and our reliance on digital and virtual platforms for engagement. Still, we were very effective and successfully registered more than 1,000 new voters."

As part of the University's effort to earn a voter friendly campus designation, Morgan's OSLD leveraged a number of internal and external partners, such as Black Girls Vote, OSLD Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, SGA and the Maryland State Board of Elections, to amplify outreach and galvanize support. In addition to its own series of webinars and social media, tapped an existing national #HBCUVote campaign organized by Xceleader to maximize reach and awareness among students and earn MSU a firstplace ranking within its tier group of institutions.

Adding to the voter-friendly atmosphere during the fall campaign and overall heightened awareness was Morgan State University's designation as an Early Voting and Election Day Voting Center for the 2020 General Election. As an official polling site, Morgan's OSLD was able to amplify its message and overall engagement about voter registration, while also providing convenient on-campus access to the ballot booth.

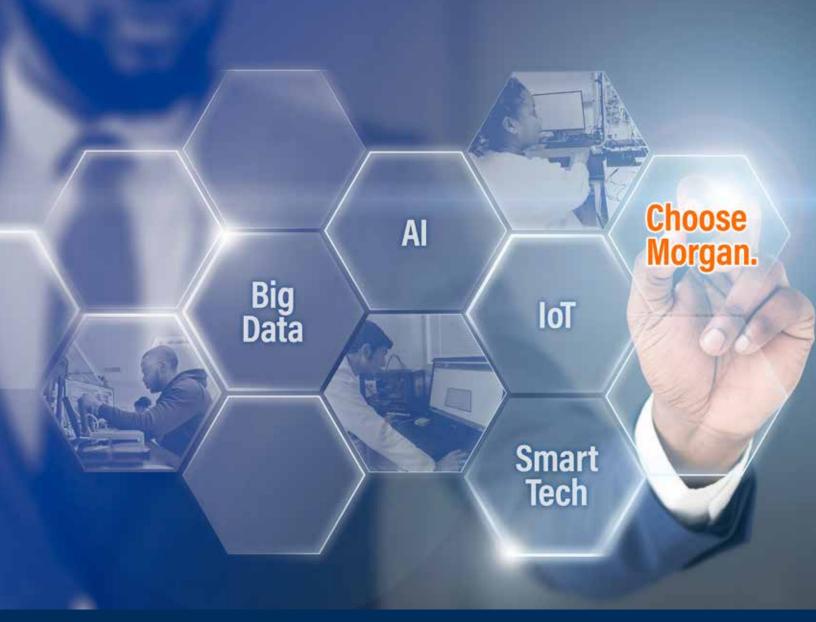
Through these efforts and more, MSU made a strong statement about the civic mission of higher education to prepare students to be engaged participants in our democracy and is excited to continue engaging students through 2021, 2022, and beyond.

The mission of the Voter Friendly Campus designation is to bolster efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process. The institutions designated Voter Friendly Campuses represent a wide range of two-year, four-year, public, private, rural, and urban campuses. Notably, the list of designated institutions includes many Minority Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, representing more than 3.5 million students.

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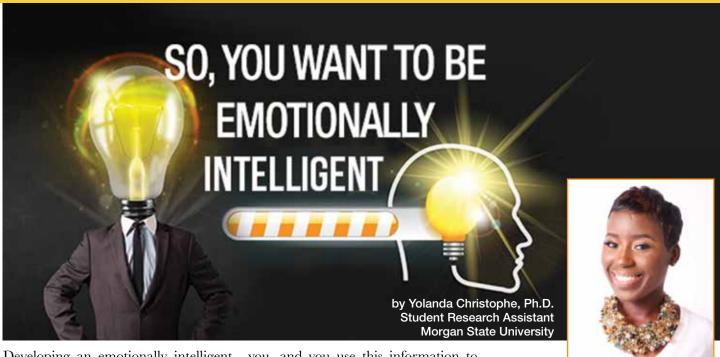
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Developing an emotionally intelligent workforce has been a huge topic of discussion for many organizations and organizational researchers. The concept of emotional intelligence (EI) has grown from an organizational buzzword to now a widely practiced tool, embraced by many organizations to primarily bottom-lines expand companies' and enhance organizational culture (Forbes, 2019). In fact, organizations and learning institutions have gone as far as developing and implementing EI workshops and courses that help to facilitate the regulation of employees' emotions in the workplace. The Oxford dictionary defines EI as the "capacity to be aware of, control, and express your emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically". As an employee or even employer, you may be wondering about the personal benefits of being emotionally intelligent and the ways to develop EI.

Personal Excellence

Personal excellence is concerned with the process of becoming a better version of yourself and growing in the various aspects of your life. As an emotionally intelligent individual, you are aware of the information around you, and you use this information to "guide your thinking and actions" as Mayer and Salovey would say. As such, you can take an accurate stock of your value and capabilities and use these for positive development and engagement. Avoidance of Anxiety

A few weeks ago, Judge Lynn Toler detailed an incident where she was overseeing a case where a car was being towed away. A gentleman who assumed his car was being towed (due to personal circumstances) reacted in a volatile and unnecessary manner when in fact, it was a completely different car being towed. In this situation, an emotionally intelligent individual would have analyzed the situation in a better manner and in the end, reduced or avoided their level of anxiety.

Improved Relationships

The primary basis of EI is being able to understand your emotions and the emotions of others around you. As an emotionally intelligent individual, you can recognize and deal with your emotions instead of bleeding on others or simply misjudging emotions. An emotionally intelligent individual will also communicate emotions more effectively thus improving existing relationships.

The wonderful part of EI is that it can be developed. Here is how you develop your EI skills.

- 1. Observe how you react to people and situations. Are you quick to jump to conclusions like the gentleman did who assumed his car was being towed?
- 2. Self-reflect often. At the end of your day, consider what worked and did not work for you? Are there anyways you can improve for the future?
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Hampton University Journalism Student Jamaija Rhoades Wins Pulitzer Center Fellowship

Hampton University student Jamaija Rhoades has won a Pulitzer Center Fellowship and will partner with journalism experts to examine racism in the Richmond, Va., school system. Pulitzer Center staff and editors will advise her throughout the process and act as her mentors. Her final project will be featured on the center's website as well as on the website for the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

"We are incredibly proud of Ms. Jamaija Rhoades for winning this distinguished fellowship. Her proposal to report on racism in education in the Richmond school system reflects the university's values of respect and inclusion of all people. We know that Ms. Rhoades will continue to live up to our university commitment to 'Dream no Small Dream' as she forges her unique path," said Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey.

Rhoades is a senior journalism student in the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications from Midlothian, Va. She has written for the Hampton University newspaper, The Script, and Her Campus, a weekly magazine.

In her proposal, Rhoades wrote: "I would like to write a story that focuses on how Richmond's history of discrimination and racism lives on through the city's school system."

The project will focus on racial disparities in the district, including the difference between the resources available for schools with a higher percentage of students living in poverty versus the resources available to more affluent schools. Additionally, she wants to examine the results of a study conducted by the Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium, which indicates that Richmond black students are suspended four times more than white students.

"We're excited to partner with Hampton University and want to congratulate Jamaija Rhoades. Exploring the impact of discrimination and racism on the Richmond school system is ambitious and challenging, and Jamaija, a journalism

major, is uniquely qualified to take this on. She has deep ties to Richmond and is herself a graduate of Richmond public schools," Kem Sawyer, Contributing Editor and Director of the Reporting Fellows Program, said in an email.

"Recent events have only underscored the importance of her topic. Reporting on racial justice is core to the Pulitzer Center mission—we look forward to adding Jamaija's project to our portal [pulitzercenter.org] on this issue," Sawyer said.

Her research will include interviews from Richmond teachers who can "speak to the disparities and the lack of resources provided for black students and how this has affected the district's graduation rates and scores on standardized tests." Because of the pandemic, much of the work for the project will be done virtually

Hampton University first partnered with the Pulitzer Center in 2020. The first fellowship was awarded to Sara Avery who proposed writing about 3-D printed houses being produced in Haiti for the homeless.

The fellowship is through the Campus Consortium, which is a network of partnerships between the Pulitzer Center and universities and colleges to engage with students and faculty on the critical global issues of our time. The consortium's aim is to connect international reporting supported by the Pulitzer Center directly with communities across the United States to expand knowledge of the world, spark conversations across disciplines and inspire individuals to expand their horizons. Hampton University is a Campus Consortium partner.

Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications Assistant Professor Lynn Waltz helped Rhoades with the fellowship application. "Jamaija Rhoades is an excellent reporter who comes up with unique stories that no other students have thought of," Waltz said. "For instance, she wrote about African Americans who think the statue of Robert E. Lee should stay in Richmond, Virginia because the graffiti



makes it a new icon for this century. She truly wants to make a difference with her work. Her proposal about racial disparities in the education system in Richmond was very appealing to the Pulitzer Center selection committee."

The Dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, Ms. B. Da'Vida Plummer, is excited for Rhoades. "We are very grateful to the Pulitzer Center for its work with the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications and with Jamaija. Her examination of racism in the Richmond school system is aligned with our effort to launch a Center for Investigative Journalism within the School," Dean Plummer said.

Rhoades is excited about being accepted into the program, calling it an "honor."

"Not only do I get the chance to work with some of the best journalists in the world, but I also get to shed light on my hometown," she wrote in her application. "I get to use my platform to highlight the issues within the school system that have shaped me into what I am today."

Rhoades said she wants to bring awareness around the issues of systemic racism in the educational system and "create change for a community of people who are often overlooked and mislabeled." The fellowship, she wrote, is giving her that chance.

Rhoades is expected to graduate from Hampton University in May 2021. Her project will be completed by mid-summer.



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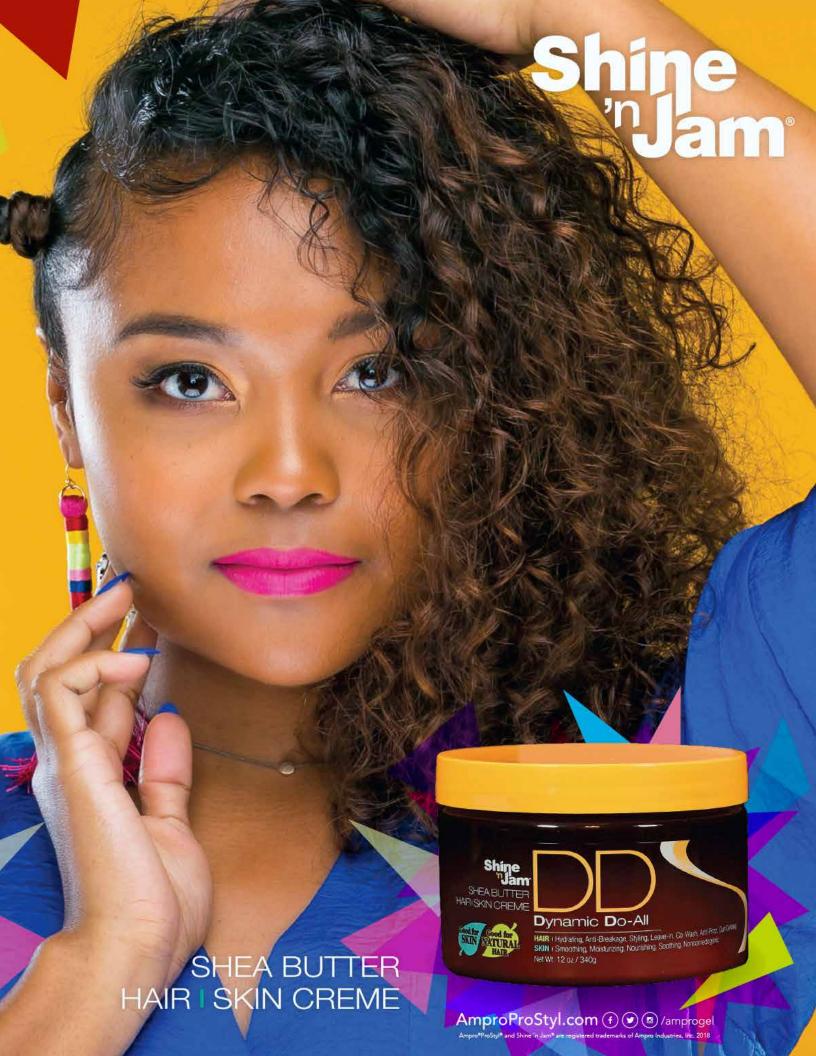
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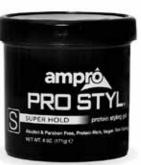




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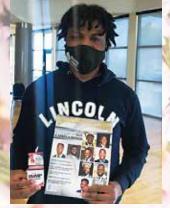


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Congrats and a huge shout out to **Trinitee Stokes!!!** The 14 year old actress who plays Tamika on the hit TV show "**Mixed-ish**" is going to begin attending college! This is a huge accomplishment for someone her age! Trinitee has not revealed what university she will be attending but we will let you know once she does!

Next time you're coming to Miami, you might want to pay Skateboard P a visit! Music and fashion legend Pharrell along with nightlife mogul David Grutman, designer Ken Michael Fascitelli and Fulk, Eric Birnbaum have opened the Goodtime Hotel in South Beach! This project has been in the works for over 5 years and is now officially open! As far as the Goodtime Hotel itself, it is a vibe! The restaurant in the hotel, Strawberry Moon, is fire! Definitely book a room or pay the hotel a visit if you're in the area!

Shout out to **NBA legend Dwyane**

Wade! D-Wade recently bought an ownership percentage of the Utah Jazz! Dwyane is not looking to be passive owner, either. He is looking to be fully engaged and he is committed to the Jazz organization. Wade is following in the footsteps of other former NBA greats who became owners or partial owners of NBA teams after retiring (Michael Jordan with the Charlotte Hornets, Grant Hill with the Atlanta Hawks and Shaquille O'Neal with the Sacramento Kings). You love to see it!

A big congratulations are in order to **Asheika Alexander!** Asheika became the first ever **HBCU** player drafted in **Minnesota Lynx** history! Asheika has signed her contract and is ready to go! Asheika attended **Langston University** and killed it during her senior year! We can't wait to see her play this season for the Lynx!

Another athlete doing big things is **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** running

back **LeSean McCoy!** LeSean and his brother, LeRon, own and operate **Vice Capital.** Vice Capital is a real estate firm. One of the amazing things that Vice Capital does is give back to the community by investing in properties within lower income neighborhoods. Currently, Vice Capital has 60 properties within its portfolio and it is continuing to grow! We love to see athletes give back and prepare for life after their careers!

RIP to two of our hip-hop legends - **DMX** and **Black Rob**. We lost both of them within a few days and the community continues to mourn.

As far as new music goes, here's what we're listening to:

Jacquees - Quemix 4

Miguel - Art Dealer Chic 4

Pi'erre Bourne - The Life of Pi'erre 5

Saweetie - Pretty Summer Playlist

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