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Essay Question:

Why did you choose an HBCU to further your education, goals and future endeavors?

Not everyone is brave enough to say it, but I am. I want to be surrounded by my people. Growing up from elementary school through high school, I went to schools with a range of races and ethnicities. I saw schools where I was surrounded by people who looked like me and teachers just the same, and other schools that didn't have that same diversity. I was put in rooms where I was the only black girl and felt like I didn't belong. Going into my senior year of high school and applying to colleges, I knew deep down that HBCUs were my first choice. Aside from being surrounded by black excellence, I want to have the best access to opportunities and people to network with, from job opportunities, internships, and vast alumni networks. The HBCU experience is unlike any other, and I need to be in the center. After completing my four years, I aspire to achieve my goals of securing multiple internships with fashion brands, traveling abroad, and identifying business opportunities in fashion marketing. These goals may be ambitious, but I aim to reach my fullest potential and further navigate my interests through my HBCU. After choosing Howard University, I know that there is, beyond a doubt that I will be successful, challenged, and surrounded by a community of people who look like me. As I prepare to step foot on campus, I plan to give my all to get everything Howard has to offer, shaping my future.