



Celebrating Black Excellence

“Your story is what you have, what you will always have. It is something to own.”

-Michelle Obama

The Anoka-Hennepin Career and College Specialists recently facilitated a panel discussion about the **H**istorically **B**lack **C**olleges and **U**niversities (HBCU) experience. This conversation featured alumni and current students from Clark Atlanta University, Howard University, Tuskegee University, and Xavier University. Special thanks to all of the panelists for sharing their stories and providing their personal insight on the value of the HBCU experience.

[Video](#)

Question/Timeline Markers:

- (3:08) Why did you choose an HBCU? How were you supported in your endeavours?
- (9:59) How would you describe the value of your HBCU experience?
- (16:51) What have been your biggest obstacles in your pursuits and what have you done to overcome them?
- (25:32) What do students like most about your college/university?
- (32:10) What unique programs are incorporated into your school's curriculum?
- (39:46) How does your school utilize their alumni to support current students?
- (44:44) Looking back on your chosen path, was there ever a point where you would have changed anything? If you had to do it all over again, would you choose the same route?
- (49:48) What would you have wished you would have known as a high school student that would help current students now? What advice would you give them?

