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Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

I chose Chicago State University based on familiarity and their intimate classroom setting. I knew I would receive a quality education based on growing up around the institution and the real caring relationships I saw that the faculty and staff had for the students and the community.

CSU prepared me academically and mentally for the world ahead. **The institution instilled basic principles necessary to be successful anywhere.** Being on time, detail oriented, consistent, and working harder than others are all things that were stressed in classroom settings that have been very important as a minority in a corporate environment.



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Professor Olasupo Laosebikan was very influential in my experience at Chicago State University. He pushed me to ask more questions and perfect my craft in whatever that was at the time. He also had impactful testimonies about being a black immigrant in America and shared some of the challenges he faced fighting for equal opportunity. **Those stories became fuel to make sure that I am differentiating myself in my delivery and work ethic to reach my goals as a black man in America.**

My favorite memory at Chicago State University was graduation. This moment stands as a culmination of all the hard work, late nights and preparation in taking the next step in my life. My whole family was there and my mother, a language professor at CSU, had jumped out of the faculty section to give me a hug after receiving my degree.