I chose Chicago State University for its rich history of providing excellent education to students in Chicago, the country, and abroad. Chicago State University’s class sizes and dedicated professors gave me a quality education in the city that raised me as a man: the city of Chicago.

A moment that I'll never forget; one that has continued to bless my life in profound ways, was being highlighted as a student speaker at the 2004 CSU Foundation Gala. The moment has kept me grounded and reminds me of the critical responsibility to live worthy of the shoulders upon which I stand.

"I chose CSU as my home because it sought to educate students from non-affluent communities that deserved the opportunity to have a quality education.”
isn't good enough. Rather, it is the daily fight and intense struggle obtaining “the dream” that creates who we are to become. **Our legacies won't be found in the stuff we obtain, nor the successes of time on earth, but in the rich currency of the lives we help bless;** the people we walk beside in the valley of despair and hopelessness — forever living in the communities we aid in change.