

PROFILE FOR MENTORS

(Information for the Mentoring Website)

Demographic

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Work Experience

- Business owner- Rudder Consultants, LLC
- Economic Development Consultant
- Adjunct Faculty member (Neumann College & Wilmington College)
- Job Club Coordinator (Children and Families First)
- Research Assistant (University of Delaware)
- Coordinator for Minority & Women-Owned Business Directory & Database Project

Personal

1. **Where did you grow up?** Brooklyn, NY
2. **College(s) attended/ or high school**
 - Canisius College (BA in Psychology and Sociology)
 - State University at Buffalo (MS in Public Affairs)
 - University of Delaware (Ph.D. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy)
3. Majors
4. **Best college memories were:**
 - Winning Intramural Basketball championships 2 years in a row
 - Beating Hobart College in lacrosse- I had a goal and two assists
 - Making the Dean's List
 - Being honored as a Student Leader
 - College Parties, especially the house parties
 - Starting the Blue Crew "Cheerleading Section for students at basketball games. The year it started Canisius had the longest home winning streak (14) in the NCAA.

Other Major moments in life:

- Being on academic probation and asking the Dean to allow me to come back to college and sitting before the COPE staff to determine if I would be allowed to maintain my scholarship.

- Losing several friends (boys from the neighborhood) from acts of violence
- Being awarded a full scholarship into the Ph.D. program at University of Delaware
- Invited to speak on local news show about relationships in 2004
- Buying my first house

5. Favorite quote(s)

- "You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to **play better** than anyone else." - Dianne Feinstein (1933 -) U.S. Senator, first woman elected mayor of San Francisco
- "It is **what we make** of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." - Nelson Mandela (1918 -) South African statesman
- "Man is free at the moment he wishes to be."- Voltaire.

Hobbies / Recreational Activities

- Racquetball
- Photography
- Traveling
- Cigars
- Chess
- Wine tasting
- Cooking

1. Books that inspired you and why

* Race Matters by Cornel West- It changed my life in college; it made me rethink my position on a number of issues and my purpose in life. In addition, I had to read it twice to fully understand it.

* Code of the Streets by Elijah Anderson- It was very reminiscent of my childhood and the challenges and community issues that engulfed my neighborhood. Furthermore, it reinforced why resiliency is critical for success.

2. Favorite movie

- Love Jones
- The Best Man
- The Wood
- A Christmas Story
- Enter the Dragon

3. Favorite TV shows

- The Wire
- 24
- Boston Legal
- Everyone Loves Raymond

4. Music pleasures

- Reggae - Favorite Albums - “Til Shiloh” and “The Best of Beres Hammond”
- Hip-Hop – Favorite Albums – “Low End Theory” and “Ready to Die”
- Soca
- Jazz – Favorite Albums “ Blue Train” and “The Birth of Cool”
- Blues
- R&B