

Profile

Demographic

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High school and college(s) attended:

1. Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (math, science, and engineering high school)
2. University of Maryland- Eastern Shore (UMES), Honors Program, BS in Mathematics
3. University of Delaware (UD), working on my masters in Math Education

Work Experience

1. Newark High School- math teacher (9 years)
 - a. 2005 Teacher of the Year (by the staff)
 - b. 2004 Best Male Teacher (by the students)
 - c. JV baseball and volunteer football coach
 - d. Advisor for the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE Jr.), including conferences to FL, CA, NC, VA, MD, and PA
 - e. United Way and United Negro College Fund (fundraising) coordinator
2. Math Works Tutoring Program, Inc (1.5 years)
 - a. executive director, math tutor, workshop facilitator, and mentor
 - b. local TV appearances
 - i. The Congo Hour show (4 times)
 - 1) presented a brief Pre-Algebra workshop
 - 2) part of a talk show to discuss the success of the program
 - ii. The Bovell Show (talk show)
 - c. conducted several exciting and informative workshops for students, teachers, and parents
 - i. several DSTP workshops at the Bear Library
 - ii. Pre-Algebra workshops for special education students
 - 1) Central Middle School (Dover, DE)
 - 2) Kirk Middle School (Newark, DE)
3. Upward Bound (math teacher)
 - a. UD Math Sciences Program (6 years)
 - b. UD Classic Program (5 years)
 - c. 1 year at both UMES and Lincoln University
4. UAW Chrysler Training Center (about 9 years)
 - a. math teacher and tutor for students (up to HS level)

- b. math instructor for two skill trades courses for union workers
- 5. Teaching assistantships at UMES and UD for one year each
- 6. Summer research internships: one at EDC in Newton, MA and two at the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) in the Ronald E. McNair Program which promotes graduate school and educational research. I got my picture in the Black Enterprise magazine for presenting my research at the annual Black Expo in Washington, DC.
- 7. Memorial Stadium and Camden Yards (past and present homes of the Baltimore Orioles)
 - a. Concession stand and warehouse worker during my summer months in HS and college
 - b. Often working double and triple 10-hour shifts
 - i. A few **36-hour shifts** (ex. coming in at **6:00 am Sat.** and getting off at **6:00 pm Sun.**)
 - ii. Getting paid about \$7.00 per hour and overtime pay of about \$10.50 after 40 hours.
 - iii. I worked 89 hours in one week, grossed about \$815, and only came home with about \$515 after taxes, etc.
- 8. Roy Rogers (1 summer in HS)
 - a. Making \$3.55 an hour (20¢ above minimum wage)
 - b. Catching the public bus with flour all over by uniform after making chicken and biscuits from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.
 - c. After working an average of 40 hours a week, I only brought home about \$106 after taxes. **I realized that I cannot and will not be able to support a wife and family, let alone myself, with this kind of job. Therefore, I will continue to work hard here, get a possible good reference for a future job, and work extremely hard on my grades because an education will be the key to opening the doors to many career opportunities.**
- 9. **1st job, at Lexington (Flea) Market, working with produce from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for only \$40 a day.**

Personal

1. **Where did you grow up?** the inner city of Baltimore, MD
2. **Best high school memories:**
 - a. On the first day of school, my homeroom teacher said, “Look to the left and right, the same students you see right now may not be here in four years and might not make it by the end of this year.” He was right since I was one of only 10 students to graduate from this prestigious HS out of a homeroom class of 30 students.
 - b. Having my first real girlfriend (dating 2 years each in HS and college) and meeting her at 6:30 every morning before school at Roy Rogers, when before I would get detention sometimes for getting to school late at 8:15. **What is your real motivation for doing things or getting to places on time?**

- c. Going to Mexico for about a week with 3 other students and a chaperone.
- d. Baseball:
 - i. **Life-changing event:** Working very, very hard before the season and making my first start as a jr. pitching against the best hitting team in the state (Mt. St. Joe), taking the game into the 7th inning tied 2-2, and giving up a bases-loaded bloop single, with the infielders playing in, to their clean-up hitter in a 6-2 loss. **In that loss, I gained a great insight to my life: I realized right then if I work hard and put my mind to anything I can and will achieve.**
 - ii. Beating perennial powerhouse Calvert Hall at home in the bottom of the 7th inning along with making the playoffs for the first time in four years (finishing 10th in the state).
 - iii. Beating a team from Japan 2 out of 3 games and playing in Memorial Stadium (former home of the Baltimore Orioles) for the first time.
 - iv. Traveling to and playing baseball in Japan and later hitting my only homerun in HS at Memorial Stadium in an American Legion game.
- e. Football:
 - i. Traveling to Brockton, MA and losing to the #1 team in the country (in the USA Today poll), 21-7.
 - ii. Not working out at all in the off season, getting knocked out with a concussion in a game, and losing my starting spot at defensive end my senior year to an underclassman. **I failed to prepare, so I prepared to fail.**
 - iii. Losing in the 100th game of the oldest public school rivalry in the country which featured #1 Poly verses huge underdog #2 City for the state championship.
 - iv. Crushing our hated rivals City 36-8 with former Philadelphia Eagle wide receiver Antonio Freeman who scored two 40+ yard touchdowns.

3. Best college memories:

- a. **Meeting my future wife as her math tutor and making her memorize the Quadratic Formula in order for us to go on our first date. We walked a mile to Pizza Hut for the date and walked back in the rain.**
- b. Vice President of Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honors Society and a member of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honors Society
- c. Helping friends with math homework to becoming a tutor to realizing that I had a gift to teach and motivate students to do math.
- d. **Going to my first real concerts featuring MC Lyte and Biggie Smalls since I was 4 years old. You cannot blame me, but my parents took me to see Lou Rawls at that early age.**

- e. College slow jams and regular parties on and off campus, homecomings, intramural sports, Saturday afternoon football games with friends and other students on campus, and other can't-miss events and college experiences.
- f. Meeting and using the new waffle iron in the all-you-can-eat cafeteria.
- g. Baseball:
 - i. Going from a 5-39 record my freshman year to about 2 or 3 games shy of a .500 record my senior year.
 - ii. Losing to University of Delaware so bad that the score was announced by baseball analyst Peter Gammons on ESPN Baseball Tonight. Since I had two exams to take on campus, I did not travel with the team to UD, but WE loss 38-5 (about 29 runs scored in the 1st two innings and setting all kinds of NCAA records).
 - iii. Crazy road trips with my teammates, going to Florida every spring to FAMU's beautiful campus for the MEAC conference tournament, and studying on the team van in the middle of the night with a flash light while listening to Jodeci and other homemade slow jam tapes.
 - iv. Pitching a complete game in a huge upset over the Terrapins of UMCP, 7-4 my senior year, which must be the 1st time in school history.
 - v. Going from a 3.2 GPA my 1st fall semester to a 2.3 GPA (4 Cs with an A in health and an A in bowling) in the following spring semester on the baseball team to regaining my full academic scholarship in the honors program that summer with an A in Calculus I and a B in psychology.
 - vi. Getting my feelings crushed on what should have been the best day of my college career (my graduation) when I did not get a \$1,000 scholarship while the crowd of students were shouting my name before the award was announced. **However, losing that day to getting a call from the head of the math department a few months later and accepting a teaching assistantship (scholarship for graduate school) worth \$10,000. Every time I loss big, I gained something much bigger which has been a constant theme in my life.**

4. Profound quotes and bible verses

- a. "Anything worth having in life takes hard work or it probably was not worth having." – Sharon Scott, my mother
- b. "Education is the key. Without it, you can do nothing." – Sharon Scott
- c. "Joe Scott must always be able to take care of Joe Scott, because if I die tomorrow, you have to be man enough to take care of yourself."- Joe Scott Sr., my dad
- d. "I will never leave you nor forsake you."- Joshua 1:5, the verse that was sent to me in a card and I read during my speech at my twin son's funeral.

- e. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." –Philippians 4:13.

5. Hobbies/Recreational Activities

- a. Spending time with my wife, my oldest daughter, and second set of twins, another girl and a son.
- b. playing, coaching, umpiring or referring, and watching sports:
 - i. baseball
 - i. football
 - ii. basketball
- c. monopoly
- d. shooting pool
- e. swimming

6. Favorite Movies

- a. Brown Sugar
- b. Love and Basketball
- c. Rocky IV (I could watch all of the Rocky movies)
- d. A Christmas Story
- e. Friday
- f. The Wood
- g. The Kings of Comedy

7. Favorite TV shows

- a. Martin
- b. ESPN SportsCenter
- c. Sports Nite (sports show for Baltimore and DC local sports)
- d. The Cosby Show
- e. King of Queens
- f. It was Seinfeld until "the guy" went crazy in the comedy club

8. Favorite Music

- a. Gospel
- b. R&B
- c. "Old school" Baltimore club music, hip-hop, and rap (all with very little to no wild language and content)

9. Books that inspired you and why

- a. The Bible- It has and continues to give me the strong foundation and direction for the Christian leader and role model in the classroom,

community, church, and home that I am today and strive to be in the future.

- b. Gifted Hands by Ben Carson- It talks about the life of a lost boy who has a younger brother and a mother who is hardly home since she is a single parent working two jobs. Along with having terrible grades, Ben is the young man whose short and explosive temper almost took the life of another black male whose metal belt buckle saved his life from Ben's knife. That incident changed his life forever to the point where he went from taking the life of two boys (his own life in jail with a record and the other by death) to a student with the best grades in class to now the leading surgeon in the world.