

So my name is Darrin Smith. I'm from Fayetteville, North Carolina. My classification right now is sophomore. My major is Healthcare Administration.

I chose Fayetteville State one because I'm from Fayetteville NC. I was raised here in Fayetteville NC. I joined the military in 1986 immediately after I finished high school. I came back to Fayetteville to retire, that was by choice after 29 years of military service. I chose Fayetteville State because it had my major that I was most interested in. While in the military I was actually a medic, so to choose Healthcare Administration, seemed to be a smooth and seamless transition from the knowledge I acquired while I was in the military to the degree that I think most fit my interests. Every faculty member that I've come in contact with has been phenomenal here at Fayetteville State. I've not encountered one instructor of faculty member that did not have my best interest at heart. So I like Fayetteville State because Fayetteville State is a small organization and it is more intimate and what I mean by that is I'm not just a number. You know. I'm a student. I'm a name. The relationships that I am able to build with the faculty at Fayetteville State is because it is cozy. It's small. And that's why I love it.

I was developing a pricing strategy for a business that I was contemplating and still am contemplating and I went to one of the professors and I asked their thoughts. Forty-five minutes after I asked her that we had already laid out pricing strategies. She introduced me to factors that I had never considered. You know, so just the way that she was willing to help me, it meant a lot to me.

Again, I think that I'm proud to be a Bronco simply because of the size of the campus and I will always go back to that. The size of the campus and the willingness of the faculty members. And I could go anyplace else, you know. I can put my money and my finances into any college that I wanted to, you know. From Methodist to UNC wherever, but I think my money was best placed here at Fayetteville State because of the uniqueness of the population, the diversity of the students and again the willingness of the faculty. It's perhaps the best kept secret in Fayetteville.