

I am Raekwon Butler. Junior. English Literature major here at Fayetteville State University.

Kind of a family tradition is to go to Fayetteville State. I had the option of going to UNC-Chapel Hill. They gave me a pitch of a scholarship and I had the opportunity to go to East Carolina, but you know, Fayetteville State reached out to me and was like, here, we'll give you all this money you come here. And I said, well my family went there. Tradition of family going there so I'll go to Fayetteville State.

I've always wanted to be a meteorologist. And we were taking a careers pathways test in high school one day and the aptitude test showed me that my calling or my strong passion was in the field of education. So, I set up with one of my guidance counselors who said what do you see yourself doing for your whole life and where's your passion at? And I said, well I'm always here at the school. I was an educated person in high school involved in everything there was – football, band. So, I was like, somewhere at the school. And my favorite subject was English, so that's why I decided to come to FSU and major in English.

My dreams or aspirations are to become an English teacher of course. But with that I want to expand in the field of Education and become a principal and then a superintendent one day. Or another path would be to be an English professor and one day become a Chancellor or a higher education administrator.

I've had a couple of instructors that have been particularly, very, very helpful. The English Department is full of a diverse staff from blacks, whites, races, creeds, religions. Dr. Brooks Harrington is one of my favorites. He helps in any way he can. He's very upfront and cordial. He's a great all-around man. Another person is Dr. Eric Hyman. He's a full professor in the English Department. He – His classes are very, very tough but he'll do anything he can to help you.

I recommend Fayetteville State to everyone because number one, it's affordable. Um, it's probably one of the most affordable institutions in the nation. Secondly, you are close to home but you're not close to home. Depends on how you make it. I go to Raeford, I know, probably twice a year. I don't, I don't visit much. I'm here. This is where I belong at the moment.

The top majors in the country are business, education, nursing, social work, Fayetteville State has great programs in all of that. So why go a far distance, pay a whole bunch of money, when you can get what you need right here. And in a sense, it's a family and a great network base for the rest of your life.

Well I'm proud to be a bronco for several different reasons. Fayetteville State provides what I like to call the co-curricular experience. Academics is why we're here but there are so many opportunities outside of academics that'll warrant your success. So that's my number one, that's my bread and butter when it comes to why I'm proud to be a bronco because the opportunities that we are granted here, it's like no other.