Mellotta Battle Hill. Currently I serve as the Executive Director for Elementary Education for Cumberland County Schools. I have earned two degrees from Fayetteville State University. My Masters of School Administration and Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Well it's part of the right of passage in my family cause most of my family members earned their degree from Fayetteville State, so in order to remain a part of the family, I had to get at least one degree from Fayetteville State. But on a more serious note, Fayetteville State, their program yielded second to none, especially in the master of school administration. They were one of the premiere institutions for making it happen and I was just so challenged here but yet prepared. And so I chose to do my doctorate work here as well.

The advice that I would give to them is that Fayetteville State is going to adequately prepare you. You're not going to be given your degree on a silver platter. You're going to earn that degree. And after you go through that very grueling yet rewarding coursework, you're going to be prepared for any challenge that you face in Educational Leadership.

Oh – again, it's in my blood and my parents met here. So I'm a product of their relationship here at Fayetteville State University. But just to be a bronco, this institution has so much history and therefore, I'm just proud that they prepared me in order to excel and be one of the premiere educational leaders here in the state of North Carolina, and nationwide.