



Alumni Spotlight

Lovelle McMichael '00

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With a great academic reputation that was close to his home, Lovelle McMichael '00 couldn't resist spending his undergraduate years at Millersville University after he became a part of the ACT 101/PACE program. Lovelle attended the summer program in 1996, which was then under the leadership of Joe Scirarretta and Aida Sierra. The program inspired him to begin his studies as a Business Administration and Marketing major with a minor in Psychology and African American Studies that very fall.

Remembering back to his years at the 'Ville, Lovelle highlighted a few memorable connections he made that shaped him into the man he has become. He believes his Millersville University family helped him earn his bachelor's degree, and set him on the path for success earning his master's at the University of Phoenix.

One of his favorite memories is living with Dr. Rita Smith-Wade-El for few summer sessions and babysitting her youngest son. "She helped me navigate education within its institutionalized concept," he explains.

Dr. Smith-Wade-El wasn't the only influential relationship he had while he studied at Millersville.

Patricia Hopson-Shelton was a vital component to his success as she assisted him to find a healthy work and life balance, and taught him the importance of prioritizing so he could survive and succeed. The financial advisement he received from Dwight Horsey, and the support he received from Doris Cross as an advisor to the Gospel Choir, also made a great impact on his experience.

Since graduating in 2000, Lovelle married his high school sweetheart and fellow Millersville alum Dr. Angie Williams -McMichael. They have two handsome college-bound sons. Lovelle has started his own business and consulting firm. He credits the leadership skills he developed as vice president of the Black Student Union, vice president of the Gospel Choir and student senate representative with helping him succeed in his career. Lovelle was also involved as a resident assistant, peer health educator, game room cashier, ticket sales cashier and summer orientation leader.

Lovelle is involved in many professional organizations and has received many awards and certificates for his contributions to society. One of his proudest accomplishments is receiving a scholarship to Wake Forest University to pursue his dream of being a sports chaplain. This led him to many opportunities much like the [Slave, Race and Memory Project](#) and his recognition within [Diverse: Issues in Higher Education](#).

In addition to his work with non-profits, Lovelle is the Senior Pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina. He is a community activist, an author, and a keychain and magnet collector. He is a proud of the Millersville legacy and feels compelled to give back to his alma mater. He believes in fellow alumni like himself paying it forward for future generations and providing quality education and facilities

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