

A. Personal Notes

1. Hello Vaughn! How are you doing?
2. Are you ready for us to record the interview?
3. If you don't mind, I'm just going to ask how you are doing again for the purposes of the interview. Are you okay with that?

**II. Introductory Information From Ethan Regarding Interview Logistics**

- A. Thank you so much for taking time today to share some of your experiences with us.
- B. I appreciate it and I am sure that the viewers of this interview are grateful as well!
- C. Before we get started, I'm going to review some of the ways we will handle the information you share with us.
- D. Stop me if you have any questions – I want to make sure you are clear at all times during the interview.
- E. If you have any questions that I can't answer, Wesley (my Youth Justice teacher) can.
- F. Simply put, Vaughn, your interview is yours. At the end of our time today, I will upload the recording to a safe Dropbox within Duke. I will transcribe it over the next [4 weeks] and send it back to you to review. Once you get the transcript, I will ask you to edit it for two things: (1) accuracy: in case I misspelled a name, got a date wrong, and (2) you decide there are parts of the interview you'd like to edit out.
- G. Once we have completed the interview transcription process, and I have your permission to upload it, the interview and transcript will be uploaded to the public site at Duke, link here:  
<https://research.repository.duke.edu/concern/datasets/hx11xg048?locale=en> (Will be shared with you at this point in the interview).
- H. Were you able to get the link to the public site, Vaughn?
- I. There will likely be things you share today that are very important, but that I don't know enough about yet to form good questions. This is not unusual for oral history – sometimes interviewers need time to think through powerful testimony and circle back. I'd like to be able to ask any follow up questions I may have after the interview via email. Is that okay with you?
- J. Were you able to take a look at the consent form? If so, do you have any questions?

**III. Questions (\*Note: I most likely will be asking follow-up questions throughout the interview)**

- Part I: Advocacy Work Through Black Women's Union ([I want to begin by asking you questions about your advocacy work for Black women](#))
  - **Prompt #1:** I am aware that you are Co-President of Duke's Black Women's Union, "a gathering place that welcomes ALL Black women at

Duke, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students” according to your organization’s Duke Groups page.

- 1) What led you to become a part of this organization?
  - 2) How is it like taking on the role of Co-President in this organization?
- **Prompt #2:** I see that a big part of Duke’s Black Women’s Union does is “celebrating the experiences of trans, queer, disabled, and low-income women” and “welcoming Black nonbinary or gender-nonconforming folks who feel drawn to our space while recognizing that their experiences are fundamentally different than those of Black women.”
    - 3) Would you be able to elaborate on any experience and/or feelings you may have had with accommodating these various individuals throughout your time in the Black Women’s Union?
  - **Prompt #3:** Given everything that we have discussed so far...
    - 4) What has resonated with you the most regarding the Black Women’s Union?
    - 5) What do you hope to do in the future in the Black Women’s Union (whether that be anything different or similar to what you are already doing in the organization)?
- Part II: Life ([I want to now transition into questions about your life in general](#))
    - **Prompt #1:** I am aware that you originally lived in Maywood, Illinois before you eventually came here to Durham, North Carolina.
      - 1) If you feel comfortable, would you be able to elaborate on what your childhood was like?
    - **Prompt #2:** I see that you were formerly a student of Fenwick High School, where you were named a LINK Unlimited Class of 2021 QuestBridge Match Scholar, and, from what I understand, it is very difficult to become a LINK Unlimited QuestBridge Match Scholar.
      - 2) Would you be able to elaborate on how you navigated the competitive process of becoming a LINK Unlimited QuestBridge Match Scholar and more on the emotions you felt once you had become one?
    - **Prompt #3:** I also know that, at your high school you were a Friars’ Cheerleading Team captain and Black Student Union president.
      - 3) What did you find most special about these activities?
      - 4) How did these activities impact your advocacy work for Black women today?
    - **Prompt #4:** I am also aware that your high school was a Catholic college preparatory high school.

- 5) How did the fact that your high school education was influenced by Catholicism ultimately influence you as a person as well as your advocacy work (if at all)?
- Part III: Academic Career/Future Career Aspirations (Finally, I would like for us to transition into questions that relate to your academic career and future career aspirations)
    - **Prompt #1:** I have learned that you are currently an undergraduate senior at Duke University and that you are pursuing a Global Health major and African and African American Studies major.
      - 1) Would you be able to elaborate on why you chose to pursue these specific academic programs?
    - **Prompt #2:** I have also learned that you are currently an undergraduate researcher as a part of Duke University's Bass Connections program and that you were even a part of its Story+ program.
      - 2) Would you be able to walk me through what you found most significant about your Bass Connections and Story+ experience?
    - **Prompt #3:** Given everything that we have discussed regarding your life, academic career, and advocacy work...
      - 3) What do you hope to pursue as a career after college?
  - Part V: Loose Ends
    - **Prompt #1:** Alright, well that is all I had in terms of questions that I personally wanted to ask!
      - 1) Before we end our interview today, is there anything that we didn't touch on that you hoped to discuss during this interview?

#### IV. End of Interview Logistics

- A. Well, thank you very much, Vaughn, for all of the information you shared regarding yourself and your work to advocate for Black women, but especially the information you shared about yourself!
- B. Before we end our interview today, have you finished filling out the interview consent form?
- C. Also, do you have any other questions that you wanted to ask me?
- D. Awesome, well thank you again, Vaughn! If I have any questions, I will be sure to email you.
- E. Thank you again, and I will see you later! Bye!