

2019-2020

Student Experience Report

BEING OF COLOR AT PC

The following are direct quotes from some of the PC students of color who transferred from PC in 2019-2020. These quotes were obtained from PC staff who conducted interviews with the students after they made the decision to leave PC. Only the students race and sex are provided to protect their identity.

Black Female

- Most black students are here because of sports
- Football players are leaving
- Having black fraternity and sororities would make us feel welcome
- There are a lot of racial tensions on campus
- The KA incident showed us there is no punishment for being racist
- You need events on campus that are going to interest us (Black students)
- We could have yard shows, step shows, better known speakers, black meetups and things that show our culture
- We could have a BSA or BSU (Black Student Association / Black Student Union) and you can host events through them.
- PC shows us off (Black students) to new students and then that's it.

Black Female

- A lot of students of color have financial issues
- PC mostly gets minorities here through sports
- MSU is not consistent with programs and events
- MSU is more of a support network versus actual community involvement
- The school talks about diversity but doesn't do anything to support and sustain it.
- KA and issues on racism make us not want to be here
- KA incident shocked but didn't shock me.
- I didn't feel like I could speak my truth at the Town Hall meeting
- We oftentimes don't feel like we belong

Black Male

- No discipline makes people think racism is ok (KA incident)
- Black students are pigeon holed to one identity; we have to live up to the black stereotype
- We need to focus on intersectionality
- PC self-segregates
- PC should start a gospel choir
- White faculty and staff speak on things (racial issues) they don't understand
- The college needs to implement diversity training to all faculty and staff
- I feel like I always have to monitor or censor myself
- Advisors don't help
- If I had the opportunity, I would transfer to a larger more diverse school

Asian Female

- I don't feel like I belong
- People here are nice enough but I always feel like an outsider.
- Sometimes professor say pretty racist things without even realizing its super racist

Hispanic Female

- Professors make you feel like you're stupid and less than them
- It's really hard to catch up and a lot of professors don't care about your circumstances
- Everyone here is real "cliquey"
- Unless you play a sport or you're really involved in a club, it's hard to find your place here
- The Spanish department is run by all white people

Black Male

- You just feel more comfortable with black professors. We only got like 2 or 3 here
- A lot of the white professors aren't personable
- The only thing to do here is fraternity court and that's not my thing
- PC pushes they are multicultural but how are they doing it?
- I think this school is good for whites
- I wouldn't recommend any black students come here