

As I arrived on the campus of Southwestern Middle School in August of 1997 as a 6th grader, I was a nervous and timid eleven year old. Although my parents Troy and Crystal Bradley worked there, my comfort level was low. My anxieties quickly faded and I adjusted well on campus. I even gained the nickname by the upperclassmen after they learned who my parents were, "Little Bradley."

While attending Southwestern I was honored to be part of the second gifted class to begin there. The gifted teachers at that time included: Lois Sastry, Laura Kerben and Joel Manning. I was also the president of the BETA Club under the direction of Craig Pender; a member of F.C.C.L.A. (formerly known as F.H.A.) under the direction of Ruby Radcliffe; a member of Sparklers under the direction of Lori Smith and Consuela Pender; a member of CROP under the direction of Billye Staples; a member of Guide Right under the direction of Sharon Hill and Crystal Bradley; a member of K.I.D.S. under the direction of Latrelle Hill; and a W.E.B under the direction of Barbara Raines and Suellen Biferie.

The administration at Southwestern during the years I attended 1997-2000 included Tyrone Presley (Principal), Sharon Hill and Michael Strother (Assistant Principals).

I really enjoyed being a student at Southwestern Middle School. I was able to come out of my shell and attain leadership skills that have helped shape me into the person that I am today. There are a tremendous amount of memories that I gained while attending Southwestern. Some of my favorite memories are: being introduced to apples and cheese by Mr. Tutt during the Tallahassee trip, the skating rink parties, the Black History programs and the parades.

Southwestern Middle School is rich with history and I am honored to have attended such a great institution of learning.

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