

# Chaz Warren

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North Carolina A&T State University is known for transforming the lives of its students and birthing success. Chaz Warren is one of the many students that experienced this transformation. He was born and raised in Marietta, Georgia as the youngest of three children. He played football up until his senior year of high school.

When he graduated from Marietta High School, he had no sense of direction for his future. He was giving up sports and decided to attend NCATSU where his older sister was enrolled at the time.

Warren began his college career in 2018 and decided to major in music. After spending time with other students and experiencing different classes, he realized that he wanted to pursue industrial and systems engineering while keeping up with music as a hobby.

During his time in college, he was able to accomplish many things and grow through internships. He completed internships at for Amazon, Lockheed Martin Corp, and HITT Contracting. He was also the student brand ambassador for Venmo and increased the on-campus usage of the app by 7%. He explained that he was “always an introvert growing up, so this helped [him] open up”.

Outside of internships, he has always tried to be involved with any organization that would help him excel. He attended the 2020 Amazon HBCU Conference where he was one out of 200 hand-selected students. He was also a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and the Asso-

ciation of Computing Machinery. He was even a part of the home program for Helping Orient Minorities to Engineering.

Although he did a lot through his school, Warren also did a lot for his community. He is the community service chair for Mister Kingdom of Youth and the co-founder of the Ball for a Cause Literacy Program. The Literacy Program was created in 2016 to promote literacy awareness among aspiring young athletes within the metro Atlanta area.

When he is not doing things for others, he likes to make music. Warren decided to start making music around 2016 and has been doing it ever since. “Music is my first love, and it’s my dream to make it big” he explained. He is passionate about engineering and enjoys it, but he would not mind if his music became a success. He also explained that music helped him get through school. Whenever he was down or lacked motivation, he would write and record songs from his student apartment.

While doing music in college, he participated in many showcases and was a part of the 1891 Hot 10. This is a popular music platform at the school and helps artists get their music discovered. This helped him get many musical connections and gain a bigger audience. His most recent song received 50,000 streams. He was very proud of this accomplishment and can’t wait to see what happens next with his music.

Warren graduated from the illustrious HBCU in May of 2022 and moved back to Marietta, Georgia. He landed a career

in his field before graduating, so he never had to struggle with the stress of finding a career. Today, he is working full-time with Cisco and is an IISE ambassador. He says that he “would not have been able to achieve these things without the connections provided through NCATSU”.

