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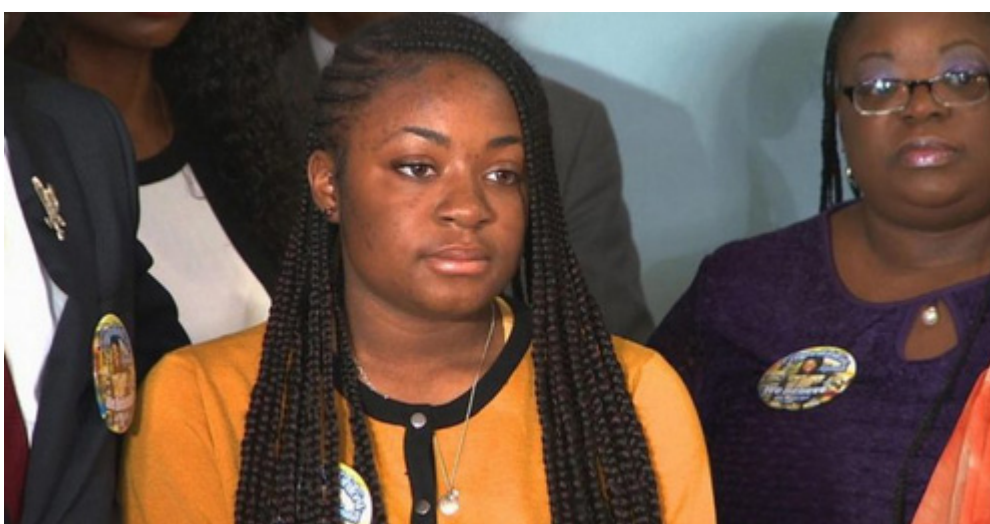
- Within seven months, Kamilah Campbell improved her SAT scores by more than 300 points. But instead of celebrating the impressive achievement, the Florida teenager has been accused of cheating and was told that her test results are invalid. Now, her family is taking legal action against The College Board and Educational Testing Services (ETS), which administer the nationwide test.

"Kamilah explained that she took the SAT for the first time on March 10 with no preparation. Between then and October, she practiced diligently, working with her

teachers, receiving tutoring, and regularly accessing the preparatory resources of Khan Academy," reads a statement from Campbell's lawyer, high-profile civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, reports *The Root*.

Campbell originally received a score of 900 out of 1600 after her first attempt at the college entrance exam. The second time her score jumped to 1230. The South Florida high school student credits her impressive improvement to months of prep that included working with a hired tutor, taking online classes, and using *The Princetown Review* SAT prep book as a study guide.

"I did not cheat. I studied, and I focused to achieve my dream," Campbell said Wednesday at a press conference, according to *CNN*.



**Kamilah Harris speaking during a press conference in Miami, FL.**

"I worked so hard and did everything I could do."

Rather than celebrating her achievement, ETS sent her a letter stating her SAT results will not be released until a pending review. As a result, Crump says Campbell's ability to apply for certain scholarships and her dream college, Florida State University, may be hindered.

"We are writing to you because based on a

preliminary review, there appears to be substantial evidence that your scores ... are invalid," read the letter, reports *The Hill*. "Our preliminary concerns are based on substantial agreement between your answers on one or more scored sections of the test and those of other test takers. The anomalies noted above raise concerns about the validity of your scores."

Crump, however, argues that ETS' accusa-

tions are an attack on her integrity, intelligence, and opportunity to realize her dreams of going to college.

"It is not for ETS, a private corporation, to define the limits of human achievement and betterment," he said. "In concluding that the only way Kamilah could have improved her score so substantially was by cheating, ETS defamed Kamilah's character and replaced what should have been appropriate and motivating personal pride with shame and confusion."

He added, "Although Kamilah provided a sound explanation and evidence for her improvement, ETS has refused to relent, denying this promising and dedicated student access to a college education, the funds to pay for it, and fulfillment of her dreams."

A spokesperson at The College Board told **BLACK ENTERPRISE** that scores are never flagged for score gains, alone. Rather, score reviews are triggered by a "range of factors that cast doubt on the validity of a score," says the non-for-

profit. "We give the benefit of the doubt to the student and we never hold or cancel scores unless there is strong evidence that the scores are invalid."

The College Board went on to list the types of evidence that suggest invalidity, which include:

- A student's answer sheet resembles not only another student's, but a group of students who have very similar answers, including the same wrong answers.

- The same group includes students whose scores have been canceled for irregularities in the past. The group of students' answers match not only one another, but an answer key or "cheat sheet" that has been found circulating among students.

- There is an absence of any scratch work in the testing booklet.

- Each of these factors and other similar evidence are rare. In combination, they are extremely rare and establish a very strong pattern.

The College Board added that their pending review will not impede Campbell's opportunity to apply to FSU.

"We are in contact with John Barnhill, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at Florida State University, who assured us that a student whose scores are delayed will be allowed to submit scores when they become available after the review process is complete."

**Brandy Conway Promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer with Greater Texas Credit Union**

(AUSTIN, TX) – Brandy Conway, Vice President, Marketing for Greater Texas Credit Union, was promoted on December 21, 2018, to Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer.

Previous to Greater Texas, Brandy was a teller at Ft. McClellan Credit Union and Marketing Administrator at AOD Federal Credit Union in Anniston, Alabama. Brandy then started at Greater Texas Credit Union as the first Business Development Officer in 2005, was promoted to Marketing Director in October of 2006, and to Vice President, Marketing in September of 2013.

When asked to share why she loves working for the credit union, Brandy said "I believe in the goodwill that Greater Texas Credit Union provides to the communities we serve and our members. It's an honor to work for an organization that acknowledges and recognizes their employees' hard work and passion."

Greater Texas Credit Union has 19 locations across the state of Texas, is known as Aggieland Credit Union in the Brazos Valley, and has been serving Texans since 1952.



**Brandy Conway**

**Council Elects Garza as Austin's First Latina Mayor Pro Tem**

(AUSTIN, TX) – Austin City Council has elected Delia Garza to be the next mayor pro tem for the City of Austin. Garza was first elected to city council from District 2 in Southeast Austin in 2014 as part of the first 10-1 council. She is the first Latina to serve as mayor pro tem in Austin, and she was the first Latina elected to Austin City Council.

Garza highlighted the importance of elevating women of color to leadership roles, providing a precedent to build confidence in future generations of leaders. "I want young Latinas in Austin to look at our leadership and see themselves and know that they can serve in this capacity or achieve whatever goals

they set their minds to," Garza said after the vote on Monday evening. "I'm proud to be the first Latina elected to this council, but I'm also saddened that it's taken us this long to have a Latina on council."

Garza won unanimous support from her fellow council members and Mayor Adler. "Delia's passion and caring for the people of Austin has moved the council forward," Council Member Ann Kitchen of District 5 said. "I look forward to her leadership as mayor pro tem as we take on the difficult challenges facing the city."

"Since before we were on council, I have known Council Member Garza as a progressive leader who never for-

gets who she is or where she came from," Council Member Greg Casar of District 4 added. "As our city's first ever Latina mayor pro tem, I am confident that she will continue her advocacy and leadership for those who need it most across our city."

Before running for office, Garza was a firefighter with the Austin Fire Department. After earning her law degree, Garza served as an assistant attorney general in the Child Support Division of the Office of the Attorney General. She advocated for the change to the 10-1 council system as a way to ensure better representation of areas of Austin that had often gone overlooked under the at-large council.

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