## **Brandale Mills' Bio**

Brandale Mills' career has displayed evidence of leadership, communications and superior writing. Formerly, she was a Senior Writer with the Houston Independent School District's (HISD) Bond Communications team receiving the 2013 Publications and Electronic Media Contest Award of Honorable Mention from the National School Public Relations Association for my news article, "District's Blueprint Archives: A Resource for Architects in Bond Program."

Brandale has served in many roles related to journalism, communication, public relations and event coordinating including her role as a Senior Coordinator for the National Diversity Council. Throughout her career, she has held several consulting and contract positions aligned with her passion and desire for positive social advocacy. Those positions have included working as an Operations Coordinator at d-mars.com Marketing and Communications, publisher of the only African-American Business Journal in the city of Houston and Public Relations Consultant for Shoot 2 Score Hoops, a non-profit for underprivileged youth in the Houston area.

Brandale recently completed her second year a full-time doctoral student and researcher at Howard University (Washington, DC) in the Communication, Culture & Media Studies program. At Howard, she is a part of the School of Communication's Teaching Associate program where she teaches two Principles of Speech courses to sophomore and freshman students. Her research interests include feminism, social media, racial politics and popular culture.