First and foremost, tell us about yourself, what you do and how long have you done so?

My name's Amir Diamond and while most will call me an Actor/Radio/TV Personality, I define myself as someone who entertains, informs & inspires others (through the platforms that God allows me to use). I've been in the game since December 2011, so I'm coming up on 10 years in the music industry!

Third Ward has historically been a place of promise and expression for African Americans and people of color. But in recent years, a number of artists have moved away or been gentrified out. As the radio prince what made you choose KTSU?

I honestly would say that The Vibe (powered by KTSU) chose me. The legacy community station has been around serving the public (on and off the airwaves) for nearly 50 years and wanted to create a new venture that would help expand their brand. "The Vibe" is geared towards millennials; we are always on our phones, so KTSU knew that this would be a great way to build a closer relationship with the younger demographic.

I attended Texas Southern University for a portion of my college career and even attended summer camps in middle school (hosted by Dr. Irvine Epps & Dr. Dianne Jemison-Pollard). TSU is home. This is a full circle moment for me. I've spent so much of my childhood and adult life in 3rd Ward. These were the streets that I received a lot of my education from. These were the streets that played an intricate part in me falling in love with my city. These were the streets that taught me to give back and to never forget where I came from.

Accepting the opportunity to continue to be a voice for our people (on such a legendary HBCU campus) was a no brainer.

What advice would you give to your younger self, that young people can be inspired by today?

I would tell the younger me to: "Take a deep breath and stand in your truth. The real you is more interesting than the fake somebody else. Your bravery will ruffle some feathers, but it will also catapult you into greatness. Your world will feel lighter once you fully accept all parts of yourself."
Tell us your most memorable memory in radio, something that let you know you’d picked the right career?

One moment that will always stick out to me is DJ Khaled stopping our conversation in the middle of the interview. I’ve never witnessed anything like it. There were about 20 people in the room and it got quiet when he interrupted my line of questioning. My heart was pounding because I didn’t know what he was about to say. “Amir, how long have you been doing this? ....cause you're doing a good job!” He started in the radio and has toured the world talking to countless personalities, so he knows what it takes to be great at it.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or dead, who would it be and why?

I really want to have dinner with Patti LaBelle. She has such a youthful, energetic, beautiful spirit. She can teach me how to throw down in the kitchen and we could sing songs from today's R&B artists like Brandy, Beyoncé & Jazmine Sullivan.

Ase is the power to make things happen and produce change, how do you plan to use your Ase in the future?

I plan to use my Ase by following God’s direction and destiny that’s set out for me. I pray everyday for clarity so I can be confident in my decision making. I plan to use my Ase by being vulnerable and brave enough to share my testimony and lessons learned to those I feel will benefit from it.

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