# Black Grad Survival Guide

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Maybe add something of value to people interested in academic life?

# Hair Care

## Barber Shops

- Princeton  Barber Shop (Ask for Johnathan)
  8 South Tulane St
  Princeton, NJ 08542
  609-921-8572

Ask for Van Dyke (Jimmy does older hair styles while Van Dyke, the one with locks, does younger styles)

- High Class Barbershop

1601 E State Street
Trenton, NJ 08609

- "The only local barbershop that won't set you up. This is a Dominican salon, and they can cut black hair with the crispness."
- Best barbers are Barber #1 and #2 (you'll understand when you get there). All of them are solid though.

Classic Razor Sharp

- 212 Centre St, Trenton, NJ 08611
- (609) 393-6767

## Student Stylists

- Students on Campus that cut hair for $5: Ghanasyam Bey, Denzel Cadet, and Jonathan Ford.
- Philomina Kane
  - "NaturallyPhilo is a YouTube natural hair sensation. Contact her today and remember to subscribe"
  - Email: pk4@princeton.edu
  - Phone: (917) 631-6368
- Wilglory Tanjong

  - Specializing in cornrows, braids (not box braids), and retightening of weaves so that you can still look fly in between your current and next hair installation.
  - Email: wtanjong@princeton.edu

## Salons

- Exodus Natural Hair

831 Parkway Ave
Ewing Township, NJ 08618
(609) 271-6703

  - For locs, ask for Butterfly (she only does locs, including color)

- Sidney and Albert Salon

3495 US Route 1 South
Princeton, NJ
609-228-0303

  - Ask for Saborha

- La Jolie (yes they do black hair)

4 Hulfish St #5
Princeton, NJ 08542
(609) 924-1188

  - They have student discounts, great service
  - Ask for Mahir or Ivor

- Theo's Hair Salon

236 Nassau Street (next to Hoagie Haven)

  - Latest info: wash/blow dry/flat iron was $65, but they may start at $55. Latest info based off of someone with natural hair, which might have been why it cost a bit more.

- Cosmo Bleu Salon – Black-owned business, ask about student discounts

170 Nassau Street
Princeton, NJ 08540 (next to the CVS)

  - Call to make an appointment with Tiffany, the owner. She is the owner of the salon (and she is black).
  - Since the owner is black all stylists are versed in how to do black hair but the owner is the best. Great blowouts - $60
  - Be sure to book at least a week in advance especially during "high-season" - lawn parties, formals, house parties, etc.

- Makeover Studio Salon

21 Leigh Avenue

Princeton, NJ 08542
609-285-3721
609-279-2144

- Owner: Najwa, cell: 609-575-8354
- Call and make an appointment with Jade (who used to work at Theo's on Nassau Street), white lady who does great black hair. Her number: (609) 921-7999.
- 15% off with Student ID
- All hair types welcome: natural hair, dreadlocks, relaxers, weaves, color, brows, blow-outs, etc.

- JC Penney Hair Salon

Quaker Bridge Mall
Lawrenceville, NJ
609-799-8137

- Ask for Kim or Chimere or Betty (for perms, but expect a long wait)
- Cost around $65

- Tiffany's Bodily Divine

1678 Pennington Rd
Ewing, NJ 08618
609-538-8105

- Ask for Tiffany, though she personally oversees all of her stylists

- Vero Bella Hair Salon

1641 S Olden Ave
Hamilton, NJ right (off of exit 62)
609-931-0332

- Recommended stylists: Carolina, Veronica or Elaina. They're all Latina/Dominican and they do amazing hair.
- Go here for your roller sets, your blow out, your press and curl.
- It's about $30-$35 for a blow dry, wash and flat iron (wash and style) same price for rollers. Deep condition will cost you an extra $10. Relaxers are $65. They *know what they are doing*
- Be sure to make an appointment at least a week in advance, especially for Carolina. They definitely still take walk-ins but its better to make an appointment if you don't want to wait.
- They're clean and professional and will probably offer you tea / coffee etc. They always have coupons / discounts on their website and on their facebook page. Get that 10%!

- The Weave Shop

266 George Street
New Brunswick, NJ.

- $50 for a sew-in with leave out, $90 for a sew-in with NO leave out.

  - They charge you $25 for pre-used hair (hair that is not fresh out of the pack/bundle).
  - There are also 2 beauty supply stores nearby that have good hair for decent prices (one is actually right next to the Weave Shop).

- Amor Beauty Salon

25 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ.

  - Wash, deep condition, roller set, dominican blowout and doobie for all hair types (natural, relaxed, weaves)
  - Cost $21 … from Monday-Thursday deep conditioning is free ; Relaxer is $35
  - Hours: Monday - Saturday 8:30-6pm ; Sunday 8:30–2pm (no appointments necessary)
  - Weekends are really busy so get there early or else you'll be waiting for a while

- Le Petite Unisex Spa - Dominican hair shop

2465 S. Broad Street, Independence Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08610
609-888-2322
609-888-2316

  - Ask for Tati

- Lusvianca's Hair Salon

1047 Liberty Street
Trenton, NJ 08611
609-278-9209

  - $20 for a wash and blowdry and straighten. Plus or minus $5.
  - Get there early or you will wait. No appointments on Saturdays. Get there at 7a if you go on a Saturday. You will still probably wait at least an hour and a half.

- Admirations Hair It Iz & Spa

2033 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA
(215) 564-2929

  - They do weaves and general styling for any type/texture of hair.

- Frenchie (local stylist in West Philly)

215-908-5566

## Hair Braiding

- Macenta Hair Braiding

2034 5th Avenue
Harlem, NY.
917-519-2371

  - Appointments and walk-ins welcome.
  - Cost: $80 or $100, depending on how you bargain. These are West Africans so they bargain. Just tell them you're a student and don't have money, hah! Also, braiding hair is INCLUDED, and they're QUICK – around 4 hours!

- Maggie (on Witherspoon Street)

609-865-2436

  - Must bring your own hair.
  - Call ahead of time! Super nice, great job
  - Cost: around $120

- Mie's Hair Salon

53 Bayard Street,
New Brunswick, NJ.
732-331-3535:

- Cost: around $160. Braiding hair included.

- black

35 Elizabeth Street,
New Brunswick, NJ.

  - Cost: $120 for medium size box braids, and you can even buy braiding hair from them for $5. They do a ton of styles too, including Senegalese Twists, Invisible Braids, Goddess Braids, etc.
  - Walk-ins only. Their number: (732) 895-9323.

- Sabrina's Ultimate Touch

1860 US Highway 1
Lawrence Township, NJ.
609-394-7777
(There's also a Sabrina's Ultimate Touch in Trenton, NJ, but it's a little more ratchet)

  - Cost: $85 starting price, and you can even buy braiding hair from them.
  - Call ahead of time. When you call, make sure this is the right number for the Lawrence Township location.

## Hair Weave/Extension Shops

- Jay's Beauty Supply

1700 Nottingham Way
Hamilton, NJ 08619
    - Hours: 10-6pm (Sun), 9-8pm (Mon-Sat)

- Hair Xpo Beauty Supply (there's also another shop right in this area by the ShopRite)

1750 N Olden Ave
Ewing Township, NJ 08638
609-219-0007
    - Hours: 11-6pm (Sun), 10-8pm (Mon-Wed), 10-8:30pm (Thurs-Sat)

- YNK Beauty/Now Beauty Supply (most likely this name has changed)

107 E State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

**Drive down N Olden Ave in Ewing/Trenton – loads of shops dotting the strip malls

## Hair brands & shops online

- Brazilian Hair NYC
- Princess Hair Shop
- My Extensionz
- Mercy's Hair Extensions (especially for the Mongolian Kinky Hair).
- Johann's Virgin Hair (great back-to-school sales)
- X-Pressions (especially braiding hair – lightweight!)
    - Don't pay more than $5 for a pack. If you do, you're being ripped off. Know that.
- Sam's Beauty Supply
    - Their GoldenState Rast A Fri Synthetic 100% Kanekalon Braid Tiara II Rapunzel 84" >> Light hair and great for *Senegalese twists*
    - There's also great kinky hair in the same brand (Rast A Fri)

# Self-Care

## Nails

**Nassau Nails** – 10% student discount available
**Butterfly Nails** – 620 Nassau Park Blvd Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 987-8300 - great service record.

## Wax

**Beautiful Waxing** (Black-owned!) - quality waxing near Princeton

# Shopping & Dining Discounts

## Shopping

- JCrew offers students 10% of all items including sale items – this discount is available at ALL JCrews, even outlets.
- West Elm furniture store also offers a 15% student discount.
- Princeton Garden Theater Cinema, $3-off regular ticket price with student ID.
- AMC Market Fair (student discount rate applies after 4pm)
- Varsity Liquors (5-10% - depends on the store clerk working)
- Liquor store on Witherspoon (5%)
- No need to spend money renting videos from Netflix or Blockbusters. The Princeton Public Library has a great selection of movies to choose from – get your free library card!

## Dining

- Olive's (5%)
- Witherspoon Bread (free drink with sandwich purchase - make sure to tell them you're a student before they ring it up!)
- $5 student lunch box special at D'Angelo's (sandwich, piece of fruit, bottle of water)
- D'Angelo's with ID (10%)
- PJ's Pancake House (ask about their hungry-student special)
- Mehek (10%)
- Thomas Sweet (10%)
- Massimo's (x%)

- EMS (15%) – student discount at all locations, including nearby Market Fair location - they will give you a sticker to put on your student ID

- Murray-Dodge Hall – free coffee, tea & cookies after 10pm in the basement

- Campus Club – free coffee Sept-May 8am-6pm (PU ID access after hours)

- Carl A. Fields Center - free coffee Sept-May 8am-6pm

- The Taco Truck (black-owned! Good catering)

**Cell Phones**

- Verizon Wireless- students can get cell phone discounts ranging from 12-15% off with an employee ID (Princeton stipend stub works). https://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/employee/emaildomainauthentication.jsp

- AT&T- By using your Princeton email you can also qualify for student discounts. http://www.wireless.att.com/businesscenter/business-programs/college/university-advantage.jsp

- Sprint also has employee/student discounts but you must do it through the sprint zero plan (contact sprint to discuss).

- Other carriers are also likely to have student discounts available.

# Nightlife

## Dancing

- Perle Lounge (Thurs salsa, Sat hip-hop/top 40)
  13 Paterson St New Brunswick, NJ 08901
  (732) 937-6113

- Delta's (jazz, top 40, etc. different nights)
  19 Dennis Street New Brunswick, NJ
  (732) 249-1551

- The Cellar Lounge and Nightlife (Wednesdays)
  30 New Jersey 156 Trenton, NJ 08620
  (609) 581-6782

- Rho Waterfront (Thursdays)
  50 Riverview Plaza Trenton, NJ 08611
  (609) 393-7300

- Mister East (Lounge/Club, older diverse crowd)
  2401 Wood Ave
  Roselle, NJ 07203

## Bars

- Debasement Bar – Graduate student bar with cheap drinks and great people Graduate College basement (see stairs in Porter's Lodge)

- Winiberies – Bar/Restaurant with great happy hour drink/food specials

- Alchemist & Barrister – Bar/Restaurant with a nice outdoor patio. Often playing sports events on TVs by the bar.

- Witherspoon Grill – Upscale restaurant with small bar. Great drinks.

- Mistral – Upscale restaurant with brand-new bar area. Nice happy hour food specials, amazing house cocktails.

- Agricola – Farm-to-table Bar/Restaurant. Nice bar area with great drinks.

- Yankee Doodle Tap Room – Bar/Restaurant inside of the Nassau Inn. Often playing sports events on the big screens. Many places to sit in area surrounding the bar. Great outdoor area, but must be eating food to sit there.

- Triumph Brewing Company – Microbrewery that makes great beer. Small bar area, can get crowded on weekends. Big screens for watching sports/events near bar.

- The Ivy Inn – Major Dive bar. Karaoke on Wednesday nights. Sometimes brings in a DJ on Friday/Saturday. Sometimes a cover ($2-$5).

# Miscellaneous

- On-campus during summer? Activities/Events guide:
  http://summer.princeton.edu/

- Princeton Public Library offers free library cards for PU student

- Great Reviews of Princeton Restaurants by Computer Science Professor Kevin Wayne: http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~wayne/princeton.restaurants/

## Grocery Stores

- Wegmans - 240 Nassau Park Boulevard, Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 919-9300
- Whole Foods - 3495 U.S. 1 Princeton NJ (609) 799-2919
- McCaffrey's - 301 North Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 683-1600
- Shop Rite (Mercer Mall) – 3373 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (609) 275-8555

## Farmers Markets

- Princeton Farmer's Market - Hinds Plaza (next to Princeton Public Library), 55 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ
- West Windsor Community Farmers Market - Windsor Athletic Club, 99 Clarksville Road, West Windsor, NJ
- Trenton Farmers Market - 960 Spruce Street, Trenton, NJ

## Places to hike

- Princeton canal path – entrances by Washington or Alexander roads
- Princeton Community Park North
- Delaware Water Gap
- Appalachian Trail
- Wharton State Forrest

## Beaches

- Long Island State Park
- Ocean City
- Seaside Heights

## Recreation/Date Night Spots

- Colonial Lanes – Bowling
- Princeton Country Club – Golfing
- Mercer County Park – Ice Skating Rink (and more)
- Movie Theaters – Princeton Garden Theater (small), MarketFair Princeton (medium), AMC Hamilton (large)
- Rockville climbing gym - College night on Wednesdays with entry fees only $10.

## Transportation

- Late-Night Free Shuttle by TigerTransit (9pm – 3am), call for a ride: 609-258-3157
- Public Transportation: The undergrads have a great guide HERE
    - Note: students are eligible for a discounted monthly NJ transit pass. Commuting students are eligible for train passes (between NJ-NY and NJ-PA)
- Carsharing:
    - WeCar (yearly membership fee + hourly rental costs, cars parked all around campus)
    - Zipcar (smaller yearly fee, less cars – they are parked in Spring Street garage downtown)
- Ridesharing:
    - TigerTrade (online bulletin board for Princeton University)
    - Uber & Lyft both have a lot of active drivers in the area. Many are students.
- Fun fact: Public Safety will jumpstart your car for you on-campus!
- The consensus among graduate students is that GEICO offers the cheapest insurance rates.

## Cheap Gas Stations

- Near campus: look for station at the corner of Harrison St and Route 1
- Raceway on Route 1 going north, near South Brunswick
- Getty station at the corner of Washington and Route 1
- Lukoil station on Route 1 going south, just before the i-95 intersection
- Mobile/Exxon is usually the most expensive

## Other Student Groups of Interest

- The men may be interested in joining the Black Men's Awareness Group (BMAC)
- Women may be interested in joining the Graduate Women of Color Caucus (GWCC). The BGC will advertise their events.
- Intersecting Queer Identities (IQI) – open to those who identify as well as allies! BGC will advertise their events.
- Black Student Union – undergraduate organization, grad students are welcome to join their mailing list for event announcements.

# New York

- Princeton and NYU (among others) are a part of a consortium of university libraries, so you can get complimentary access & borrowing privileges with any member institution. Full list of partner libraries: http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/shares/partners.html

# Philadelphia

- Princeton and UPenn (among others) are a part of a consortium of university libraries, so you can get complimentary access & borrowing privileges with any member institution. Full list of partner libraries: http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/shares/partners.html