

Bring College Life Back to TV!



Before there was *College Hill*, there was *A Different World* – a *Cosby Show* spinoff show that glorified college, HBCUs (historically black college and universities), and the concept of Black college life in the 90's. The show tackled issues like racism, discrimination, politics, sex, relationships, equal rights and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

A Different World provided a platform for minority youth and young adults to see positive images of themselves. The show displayed black people excelling in technology, math, science, history, and law.

We saw the "bad & bougie," the nerds aka Blerds, the party animals, the socially conscious, the frat boys, sorority girls, you name it.

But more than anything, *A Different World* elevated higher education, which was and still is exceptionally important in a climate where college is no longer seen as route to success.

TV networks are bringing college life back to TV with three new college series. Check them out below.



***Black-ish* Spinoff (ABC)**

Black-ish is currently in the works with ABC to develop a spinoff based around Zoey's, played by Yara Shahidi, first year in college. The summer before college, her father, Dre played by Anthony Anderson, helped her obtain an internship at Teen Vogue.

Sources say the comedy series is in the early stages with no script or deals in place. Will Zoey attend a socially conscious HBCU similar to her political views? Who knows, but we're all going to watch.



***The Quad* (BET) – "Ever Wanted to Go to a HBCU? Welcome to *The Quad*."**

Led by Tony Award winner [Anika Noni Rose](#), *The Quad* takes audience members inside of a cultural, unique HBCU in today's political climate. Rose plays the newly elected President of the fictional Georgia A&M, juggling her new demanding job, a failing marriage, and a troublesome daughter.

Apparently, there will be several tributes to *A Different World*, starting with an appearance from Jasmine Guy, who made us all clutch our pearls playing the iconic role of Whitley.



Blerds Black + Nerds (RYSE TV)

[Blerds](#) is an exclusive television series hosted only on RYSE TV, following a group of socially conscious college graduates who are black and nerds. Main Character Tracy Dotson just graduated from college but is still trying to find her career path. She comes up with a new technology invention, only to find she needs the financial business mind of her best friend, who works in corporate not by choice. But, she's got to pay the bills right?

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