In 2003, Rashida Mingo graduated from Tennessee State University (HBCU), Cum Laude. Shortly thereafter in 2004, she received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force Det 790. After graduating, she went on to Vanderbilt University to pursue Graduate Studies, where she was published in The Vanderbilt Review in 2005. In 2006, she began a Banking Career as a Jr. Loan Officer, competed in The Miss Tennessee USA Pageant and published her first book, The Journey Through Myself: A Collection of Inspirational Works.

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She is very involved in community, political, and educational projects. Mingo enthusiastically supports the fight against Domestic Violence with her Soul Survivor's Domestic Violence Awareness Program. When time allows, she focuses heavily on her Queen of Dreams Pageant Consulting Firm helping young women build confidence & self esteem through pageantry that ultimately helps them in every area of their life. In her spare time, she loves to spend time with Fam' and Friends, Travel, Read, Write, and Dance! For more info visit: <u>http://thejourneythroughmyself26.blogspot.com/</u>.