



**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter**  
**2020 - 2021 HBCU Directory**  
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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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Greetings!

The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated presents *Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU): An Interactive Directory* where you can experience excellence, scholarship, and service at its finest. This directory serves as a tool to inform of our nation's treasured HBCUs in an interactive, visually appealing format consisting of summary details, interesting facts, a glimpse of HBCU campus life and hyperlinks to websites and videos.

Since 1986, we have sponsored annual bus tours of HBCUs. Our 30+ years of sponsorship is a testament to our belief in the passion expressed by the late Nelson Mandela that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." We believe HBCUs are nurturing, empowering, and inspiring, playing a significant role in producing America's leaders, educators, doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, military officers, entertainers and more. However, the global pandemic made it impossible to continue annual bus tours for now. As a result, we have pivoted to expose our community to HBCUs in new, creative, safe ways to include publishing this directory. We ask you to visit our website, [www.pgcacdst.org](http://www.pgcacdst.org) and follow us on social media to learn of HBCU awareness opportunities.

PGCAC has been a presence in Prince George's County since its chartering on March 31, 1974. As members of this illustrious organization, we continue the vision of our Founders set forth more than 108 years ago.

We thank you for viewing this directory and are sure you will learn something new about HBCUs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miriam L. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miriam L. Brewer  
President



# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

*A Service Sorority Founded in 1913*

A Dedication.

The inaugural publication of Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter's HBCU Directory is dedicated to:

**Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, Ph.D., J.D.**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

***1st National President***



I knew well that the only way I could  
get that door open was to knock it  
down; because I knocked all of them  
down.

— *Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander* —

*A paucity of words exists that justly articulates the impact of our soror, Sadie T.M. Alexander, PhD, JD and her family's contribution to society. In lieu of unspeakable gratitude, the sorors of PGCAC bow graciously and offer:*

***Thank You.***

**Born into Greatness for Greatness:**

**The life and accomplishments of Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander**

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander was born into a distinguished family on January 2, 1898 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sadie's father was the first black man to be awarded a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Her grandfather was Bishop Benjamin Tucker Tanner (1835-1923), editor of the Christian Recorder and the AME Church Review. Her uncle was surgeon Dr. Nathan F. Mossell (1856-1946), founder of the Frederick Douglass Hospital (now Mercy-Douglass Hospital), and her aunt, Dr. Hallie Tanner Johnson (1864-1901), founded **Tuskegee Institute's** Nurses' School & Hospital. Other uncles were the painter, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) and Lewis Baxter Moore (1866-1928), Dean of **Howard University**.



Born: January 2, 1898



**Served as the 1<sup>st</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**

1919 - 1923



**Became the first African-American woman to earn a law degree at the University of Pennsylvania, passed the state's bar, and practiced law in Pennsylvania.**

1927

Following her father's footsteps, Dr. Alexander became the first African-American woman in the nation to earn a Ph.D. in economics. Her dissertation explored "The Standard of Living Among One Hundred Negro Migrant Families in Philadelphia."

1921



**Named Woman of the Year in "Negro Heroes," a comic book published by the National Urban League in conjunction with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.**

1948



**Appointed to the President's Committee on Civil Rights by President Harry S. Truman. The committee's report, "To Secure These Rights," served as the foundation of the civil-rights movement in America and was the basis for future civil-rights policy decisions and legislation.**

1947

**Notable Mention:** "I finished high school and I was awarded a scholarship to Howard University. Now Howard University played a big part in my life. I sewed all summer, getting ready to be the best-dressed girl on the campus. When it got to the end of August, my mother told me ... I didn't want to spoil your summer, Sadie, but you're not going to Howard University. I've been out to the University of Pennsylvania, and I have got your credits and I've deposited them, and they are going to admit you." - **Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander**



1978

**Was appointed chairperson of the White House Conference on Aging by President Jimmy Carter and charged with addressing a range of social and economic needs of the elderly.**

**Eternal Transition: November 1, 1989**

**The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Presents:**

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities:**

***An Interactive Directory***

***"Experience Excellence, Scholarship and Service at its Finest"***



**Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU)** is a historic, student-friendly and community-focused institution of higher learning. Reflecting on its heritage as a historical black college and university (HBCU) and a traditional 1890 land-grant institution, AAMU functions as a teaching, research and public service institution, including extension. Founded in 1875 by a former slave, Dr. William Hooper Councill, AAMU is a dynamic and progressive institution with a strong commitment to academic excellence. The serene, intimate campus is situated on "The Hill," only a short distance from downtown Huntsville, the site of the school's founding.

**Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University** provides more than 60 undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs and concentrations, a diverse international faculty, 50 plus student organizations, and an extensive alumni network comprised of politicians, educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, authors, artist, and more, many of whom are change agents on the local, national and international stage.

**Name:** [Alabama A & M University](#)

**Location:** Normal, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$14,604\*



**Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole Green**, one of the first African American women in the nation to earn a Ph.D. in physics, holds the distinction of being only the second African American woman and the fourth African American to receive a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). She humbly served as Miss **Alabama A&M University** 2002-2003 and is a proud member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** After serving two years at **Tuskegee University** in the Departments of Physics and Materials Science and Engineering, she is currently an Assistant Professor at **Morehouse** School of Medicine in the Department of Surgery.

Beyond her academic role, she founded a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the [Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation](#); named in memory of her late aunt who raised her. Dr. Green has intertwined her life's purpose into the mission of the organization: *"To change the way cancer is treated and reduce the suffering of cancer patients by providing a treatment that is accessible, affordable, and most importantly, effective."*

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**Alabama State University**, located in Montgomery, Ala., is a widely respected, world-class institution of higher learning which welcomes students of all races. **ASU** offers nearly 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, from the historic teacher education program to new, high-demand programs, such as the Ph.D. in microbiology and international business. The students who attend **ASU** are as diverse as its academic offerings, with students from more than 40 states and various countries seeking a top-notch education that extends far beyond the walls of a classroom.

**Name:** [Alabama State University](#)

**Location:** Montgomery, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$13,476\*

**ASU's** 153-year history is a legacy of perseverance, progress and promise. The **ASU** movement began with the impetus to establish a school for black Alabamians. **ASU** is the global entity it is today because of the fortitude of nine freed slaves from Marion, Ala., who sought to build a school for African-Americans previously denied the right to an education. The University is proud of its legacy, and it welcomes students to dream, to share their unique gifts and talents, and to take pride in knowing they are part of a rich tradition.



**Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd, the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**, is an engineer and is described as a dynamic and relevant leader, a prolific motivational speaker, a powerful preacher and a prominent advocate for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. Rev. Dr. Boyd is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and received a full scholarship to attend **Alabama State University** where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics with a double minor in physics and music. She received a full fellowship to pursue graduate studies at Yale University where she was the first African American female to earn a M. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. She earned both the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from **Howard University**. Additionally, she has been awarded Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from **Lincoln University, Bennett College, and Kentucky State University**, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**.

**Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd** is a nationally recognized champion of education. In March 2009, Boyd was selected by **President Barack Obama** to serve as a trustee to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. In January 2014, **President Obama** appointed Boyd to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

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Founded in 1903, **Albany State University** continues to provide leadership in academic excellence, social change, and economic impact. A nationally top-ranked HBCU, ASU serves an increasingly diverse student body and community by offering a uniquely comprehensive array of programs, from associate to graduate degrees. Joseph Winthrop Holley, the institution's founder and first president, established the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute in Albany, Georgia.

**Name:** [Albany State University](#)

**Location:** Albany, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$12,500\*

**Albany State University**, elevates its community and region by offering a broad array of graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate programs at its main campuses in Albany as well as at strategically-placed branch sites and online. Committed to excellence in teaching and learning, the University prepares students to be effective contributors to a globally diverse society, where knowledge and technology create opportunities for personal and professional success. ASU respects and builds on the historical roots of its institutional predecessors with its commitment to access and a strong liberal arts heritage that respects diversity in all its forms and gives all students the foundation they need to succeed.



**William Leonard Roberts II** was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and raised in Carol City, Florida. After graduating from Miami Carol City Senior High School, he attended the HBCU **Albany State University** on a football scholarship. **Roberts** worked as a correctional officer for 18 months from December 1995 until his resignation in June 1997. Prior to releasing his debut single "*Hustlin'*" in 2006, **Rick Ross** was the subject of a bidding war, receiving offers from Diddy's Bad Boy Entertainment and others, until signing a multimillion-dollar deal with *Jay-Z's Def Jam Recordings*. His meteoric rise in the rap game was due in part to his multi-million-dollar deal with *Def Jam Records* as well as his first two albums, "*Port of Miami*" and "*Trilla*," debuted in top spots on the *Billboard 200 charts*.

The self-proclaimed "*Biggest Boss*" **Rick Ross** is continuing to expand his entrepreneurial reach with the grand opening of his latest *WingStop* location in his own Mississippi hometown. The rapper - entrepreneur currently owns over a dozen *WingStop* locations in the Southeastern United States and his newest location is right in the heart of Clarksdale, MS! *Wingstop* is part of the reason **Ross** is one of *Hip-Hop's Cash Kings for the sixth year in a row*. His poultry profits are far from paltry. Along with his touring income, recorded music sales and other ventures, they helped him rack up about \$7 million annually!

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**Alcorn** is the oldest public HBCU land-grant institution in the United States and the second-oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi. **Alcorn** University was founded in 1871 as a result of the people of Mississippi's efforts to educate the descendants of formerly enslaved Africans. It was named in honor of the sitting governor of Mississippi, **James L. Alcorn**.

**Alcorn** has nationwide recognition for excellence in liberal arts, agricultural research, technology, music and nursing. The University emphasizes intellectual development and lifelong learning through the integration of diverse pedagogies, applied and basic research, cultural and professional programs, public service and outreach, while providing access to globally competitive academic and research programs. **Alcorn** strives to prepare graduates to be well-rounded future leaders of high character and to be successful in the global marketplace of the 21st century.

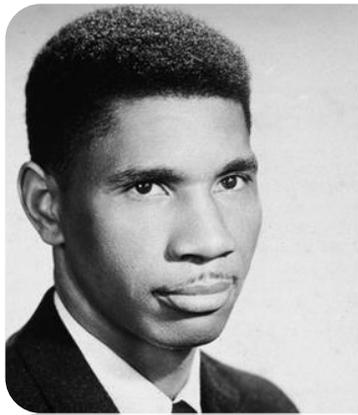
**Name:** [Alcorn State University](#)

**Location:** Lorman, Mississippi

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$13,907\*



When you hate, the only person that suffers is you because most of the people you hate don't know it and the rest don't care.

— *Medgar Evers* —

**Medgar Wiley Evers**, an American black civil-rights activist whose assassination made him a martyr to the cause of the civil rights movement, served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. Afterward, he and his elder brother, Charles Evers, both graduated from **Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University)** in 1950. They settled in Philadelphia, Miss., and engaged in various business pursuits: **Medgar** was an insurance salesman, and Charles operated a restaurant, a gas station, and other enterprises. Simultaneously, the brothers began organizing local affiliates of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**. They worked quietly at first, slowly building a base of support; in 1954, **Medgar** moved to Jackson to become the NAACP's first field secretary in Mississippi. He traveled throughout the state recruiting members and organizing voter-registration drives and economic boycotts.

During the early 1960s, the increased tempo of civil rights activities in the South created high and constant tensions, and in Mississippi conditions were often at the breaking point. On June 12, 1963, a few hours after President John F. Kennedy had made an extraordinary broadcast to the nation on the subject of civil rights, Medgar Evers was shot and killed in an ambush in front of his home. The murder made Evers, until then a hardworking and effective but relatively obscure figure outside Mississippi, a nationally known figure. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery and awarded the **1963 Spingarn Medal of the NAACP**. In 2017, **President Barack Obama** designated **Evers'** home a national historic landmark.



**Name:** [Allen University](#)

**Location:** Columbia, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-Sized City

**Net Price:** \$13,907\*

**Allen University** was founded by the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in 1870. The University has a distinguished history, rich in the tradition of promoting spiritual growth and training men and women to become productive leaders in an ever-changing society. Manifesting the dream of Daniel Alexander Payne, an apostle of black education in the United States, Allen University educated men and women for stellar leadership and service.

**Allen University** is an academic community which provides students an opportunity to obtain baccalaureate and graduate degrees in liberal arts and professional programs in traditional and distance education formats. The University has a strong unalterable commitment to teaching in delivery of its baccalaureate and graduate programs.



**Dr. Margaret Abner Dixon** was born in Columbia, S.C., and graduated from **Allen University**. In the 1950s, she joined the New York City public school system. She was a teacher of physically challenged students, director of a computer-assisted early learning program and principal of a Brooklyn elementary school.

She worked first in the *AARP Minority Affairs Initiative*, where she encouraged greater participation in AARP activities by racial and ethnic minorities. **Dr. Dixon** was a volunteer for eight years before her two-year term as president of AARP, a nonprofit advocacy organization for people older than 50 which claims more than 40 million members.

As *AARP President*, she was leader of an organization said to wield vast influence and power on Capitol Hill and within the executive branch. During her years as AARP President, **Dr. Dixon** testified before congressional committees dealing with matters affecting senior citizens and kept a close watch on measures that might affect the lives of elderly Americans, such as amendments or changes in Social Security or Medicare.

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**Name:** [American Baptist College](#)

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$18,759\*

Founded in 1924, by black and white Baptists, the **American Baptist College** provides educational opportunities for gifted students who have limited academic experiences and resources but unlimited potential for leadership in society. The school continues today firmly rooted in its historic purpose to promote higher education through a Christ-centered vision of the world for under-served students. **Watch the Campus Tour Below!**



**ARKANSAS  
BAPTIST COLLEGE**



**Arkansas Baptist College**, originally named the Minister's Institute, was founded in 1884 by the Colored Baptists of Arkansas during their annual convention at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Little Rock. The primary objective of the institute was to raise the educational level within the Negro Ministry. The secondary objective was to aid the state in making higher education available to young Negro men and women.

**Arkansas Baptist College** prepares students for a life of service grounded in academic scholarship, the liberal arts tradition, social responsibility, Christian Development and preparation for employment in a global community. **Arkansas Baptist College** is set to become a leader in Christian based higher education where students are lifelong learners, seeking and building the Kingdom of God, engaged within their communities, and gain employments in industries that are changing the world. **Watch the Campus Tour Below!**

**Name:** [Arkansas Baptist College](#)

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$19,306\*



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Founded in 1870 *by a woman*, Bathsheba A. Benedict, **Benedict College** is a private co-educational liberal arts institution with over 2,100 students enrolled in its 24 baccalaureate degree programs and one master's degree program. Defying trends, **Benedict College** maintains an equal male and female student population. This Midlands HBCU welcomes students from all 46 counties in South Carolina, 30 states across America, and 26 countries around the world.

**Name:** [Benedict College](#)

**Location:** Columbia, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

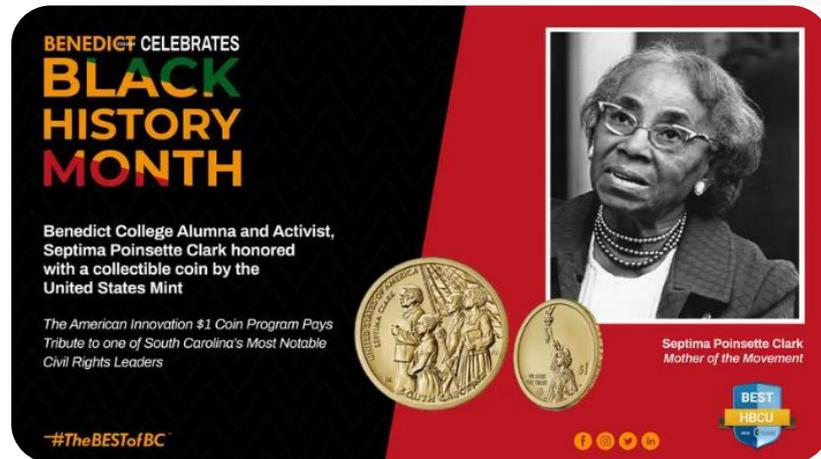
**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$13,581\*



**Benedict** offers several high-demand fields of study in STEM, Cybersecurity, Mass Communication, Sport Management, Business Administration, Engineering, Computer Science, Biology, and Education. The College also has a diverse faculty of which 80 percent are full-time, and 60 percent hold doctorates or the equivalent.

Over the past 10 years, three out of five **Benedict College** graduates have attended professional or graduate schools. There are over 17,000 proud Benedict Tigers throughout the nation. **Benedict College** has been a community leader for over 148 years and is a significant contributor to South Carolina and the region. Contributing \$130 million and 1,218 jobs in total local and annual economic impact, a **Benedict** graduate working full-time throughout his or her working life can expect to earn \$1.1 million in additional income because of their **Benedict College** degree.



### **Benedict College Alumna and Activist, Septima Poinsette Clark, honored with a collectible coin by the United States Mint**

The American Innovation \$1 Coin Program Pays Tribute to one of South Carolina's **Most Notable Civil Right Leaders!**

**Benedict College** alumna and civil rights leader **Septima Poinsette Clark** is being honored with a collectible coin issued by the United States Mint. The \$1 coin depicts **Septima Poinsette Clark** marching with three Black students carrying books and an American flag. It illustrates education as the pathway to equality and freedom for Black people in America and highlights Clark as an educator and activist leading the way. "**Mrs. Septima Poinsette Clark** is one of our most distinguished graduates and is... [Click here for more!](#)

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**Name:** [Bennett College](#)

**Location:** Greensboro, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$10,267\*

In 1873, **Bennett College** had its beginning in the unfinished basement of the Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church). Seventy young men and women started elementary and secondary level studies. In 1874, the Freedmen's Aid Society took over the school which remained under its auspices for 50 years.

Within five years of 1873, a group of emancipated slaves purchased the present site for the school. College level courses and permanent facilities were added. Currently, **Bennett College** prepares women of color through a transformative liberal arts education to lead with purpose, integrity, and a strong sense of self-worth. **Bennett** provides educational access to students while promoting inquiry, civic engagement, social justice, lifelong learning, and equity for all.



**Bennett College** is renowned for its intimate, engaging learning community that produces phenomenal women scholars and global leaders. Do you dream of being a world leader, a global health worker, or maybe even an international businesswoman? Good News! [The Center for Global Studies at Bennett](#) offers study abroad opportunities all over the world! Studying abroad can serve as a vital asset to set you apart in the eyes of an employer – regardless of your discipline! Study abroad also provides the opportunity to engage in a diverse culture and grow your global perspective.

Study abroad is an amazing experience that not only allows you to see beautiful countries, but it creates countless opportunities. The study abroad experience provides you with a world-class education, a chance to immerse yourself into new cultures, the opportunity to hone your language skills in a native land, growth through meaningful personal development, and of course to make life-long friends through a one-of-a-kind adventure.

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On October 3, 1904, *a very determined young black woman*, **Mary McLeod Bethune**, opened the Daytona Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls. Through Dr. Bethune's lifetime, the school underwent several stages of growth and development. In 1923, it merged with Cookman Institute of Jacksonville, Florida and in 1925 both schools collaborated to become the Daytona-Cookman Collegiate Institute. In 1931, Daytona-Cookman Collegiate Institute became accredited by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States as a Junior College and in 1931, the school's name was officially changed to Bethune-Cookman College to reflect the leadership of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

**Name:** [Bethune-Cookman](#)

[University](#)

**Location:** Daytona Beach, Florida

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$16,515\*

**Bethune-Cookman University** recognizes the strength of synergy between scholarly works and education and seeks to foster a culture that values the integration of research and education. The commitment to connecting scholarship and education is critical to academic excellence.

**Bethune-Cookman University** seeks to define a new standard for academic excellence as a way to become the best small college in the southern region. To educate and empower people to seek their own solutions; to advocate for opportunities for all citizens to improve their quality of life, and to inculcate an international perspective that would facilitate a keen appreciation of the new global realities.

**WATCH THIS  
VIDEO!**





**Mary McLeod Bethune**

**Mary McLeod Bethune** was born on a South Carolina farm in 1875 and was the 15<sup>th</sup> child of former slaves. She rose from humble beginnings to become a world-renowned educator, civil and human rights leader, champion for women and youth, and an **advisor to five U.S. presidents**.

Mary McLeod worked in the fields alongside her parents and siblings. She enrolled in the one-room Trinity Presbyterian Mission School where she learned to read and later studied at **Barber-Scotia College** in North Carolina and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Miss McLeod was a teacher in Augusta, Georgia and then in Sumpter, South Carolina, where she met and married Albertus Bethune. She dreamed of opening her own school and relocated to Florida where she started the school that would become **Bethune-Cookman University**.

Bethune served as president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and organized the group to fight against school segregation and inadequate healthcare for black children. She later served as president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and founded the National Council of Negro Women. Mrs. Bethune was appointed to numerous national commissions including President Calvin Coolidge Administration's Child Welfare Conference and President Herbert Hoover Administration's National Commission on Child Welfare and Commission on Home Building and Home Ownership. She was an advisor on minority affairs in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Administration.

Bethune was awarded the **1935 Spingarn Medal of the NCCAP** for outstanding leadership and service to education. She was the only black woman present at the founding of the **United Nations**. In 1949, she became the first woman to receive the **National Order of Honor and Merit**, Haiti's highest award. Among her honors was serving as an assistant director of the Women's Army Corps. She was also an honorary member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Dr. Bethune relied on faith and prayer for guidance and inspiration, stating, "Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible." [Dr. Bethune's Last Will and Testament](#) reflects her love of life and the gifts she offered humanity. [Learn more about Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune's remarkable life.](#)



# Bluefield State

C O L L E G E

**Name:** [Bluefield State College](#)

**Location:** Bluefield, West Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Distant Town

**Net Price:** \$8,445\*

**Bluefield State College** is committed to being the region's leading institution of higher education. Embracing the diversity that shapes our world, the College strives to assist students from all walks of life to achieve their personal and professional goals. Using the expertise of faculty and staff, along with the commitment of its students and alumni, Bluefield State College will continue to strive for excellence in learning, service to the community, and advancements in research. Proficiency in these areas enables the Institution and its graduates to make important contributions at the community, state, national, and global levels.

**Bluefield State College** provides a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular interactive opportunities to its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community. The College builds toward the future with continued emphasis on recruiting and retaining motivated students and highly credentialed faculty and staff; achieving university status; offering master's level programs; and expanding its programmatic offerings through distance education initiatives.

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**Name:** [Bowie State University](#)

**Location:** Bowie, Maryland

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

**Net Price:** \$14,321\*

Founded in 1865, **Bowie State** is the oldest HBCU in Maryland and one of the ten oldest in the country. It is also a diverse university whose students, along with faculty and staff, represent many ethnic and cultural backgrounds. **Bowie State University** provides high-quality and affordable educational opportunities for students with ambitions to achieve and succeed. In addition to its 23 undergraduate majors, Bowie State offers 20 master's degree programs, 14 specialty certificates and two doctoral programs with specific focus on science, technology, business, education and related disciplines. A supportive academic environment empowers students to think critically, make new discoveries, value differences and emerge as leaders in a highly technical, rapidly changing global society.

**Bowie State's** Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing includes research and instructional laboratories, flexible classrooms, a nursing simulation wing and a fully enclosed greenhouse. Bowie State is also home to an all-Steinway Fine and Performing Arts Center, equipped with the latest technologies for digital media arts and music production.



### **Bowie State University Becomes First HBCU with an Animation Studio, Creates Career Pipeline for Black Students!**

A new stop-motion animation studio is opening at **Bowie State University**, making it the first of its kind at an HBCU. The Maryland university partnered with the Oscar-nominated animation house, LAIKA, to make the dream a reality. "The partnership will enhance **BSU's** animation curriculum, with the goal of providing a career pathway for **BSU** students into the animation industry," LAIKA said in a statement. According to the press release, LAIKA will fund upgrades to **Bowie State's** green screen studio, allowing stop-motion animation production. The art form includes the incremental movement of objects, such as puppets, filmed at a high rate to create the illusion of movement. [Click here for more!](#)

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**Name:** [Central State University](#)

**Location:** Wilberforce, Ohio

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

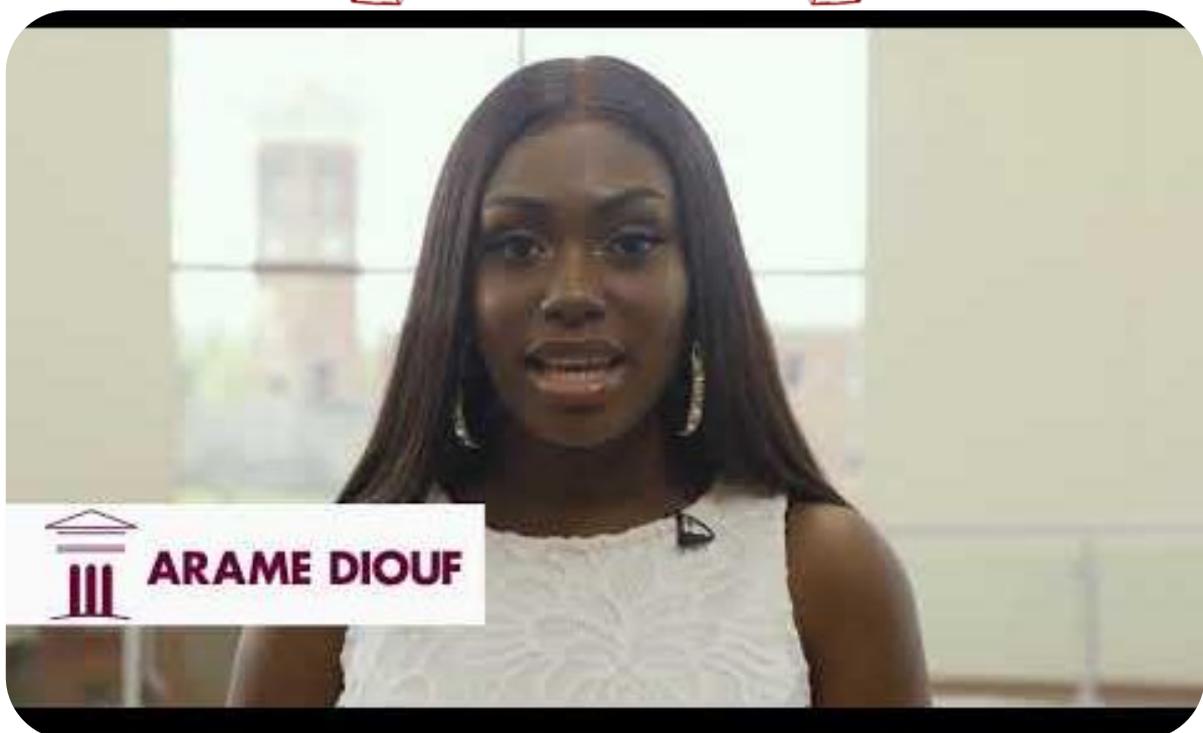
**Net Price:** \$9,389\*

**Central State University's** history begins with parent institution **Wilberforce University**, named in honor of the great abolitionist William Wilberforce. Established at Tawawa Springs, Ohio in 1856, it is affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church and is one of the oldest Black-administered institutions of higher education in the nation.

Attending college is a wonderful, exhilarating, and sometimes intimidating step in preparing for career goals. At **Central State University**, students have the support of a small community to assist in transforming their lives. As **Ohio's only publicly funded HBCU**, **Central State University** offers a broad curriculum that ensures every student is exposed to the world beyond the classroom. **Central State University's** curriculum includes options for future educators, scientists, engineers, performers and more!

With over 30 bachelor's degree programs and graduate programs in education, **Central State University** offers various educational and career opportunities that will prepare students for future goals. At an affordable price, along with comfortable residence halls, computer stations at designated locations throughout the campus, and plenty of student organizations, **Central State University** will help every step of the way to transform students into leaders.

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VIDEO!**



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**Name:** [Cheyney University of Pennsylvania](#)

**Location:** Cheyney, Pennsylvania

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

**Net Price:** \$8,433\*

Established in 1837, **Cheyney University of Pennsylvania** continues to build on its legacy as America's first institution of higher education for African-Americans. The **Cheyney** mission is to equip and empower students of diverse backgrounds to be visionary leaders in their chosen fields. The university offers innovative approaches to teaching and quality academic programs that expose our students to pioneering ideas, research, and civic engagement

**Cheyney University** has been a stalwart and highly respected institution of higher education since our founding in 1837. For 182 years, its alumni have emerged as leaders and left their mark on the social, economic, and political history of Philadelphia, the surrounding region, the nation, and the world. Building on this legacy, the vision for **Cheyney University** is to become the premier model for academic excellence, character development, and social responsibility among not only HBCUs, but in all of American higher education.



**Broadcast Journalist Jim Vance** was born on January 10, 1942 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. In 1964, Vance earned his B.S. degree in secondary education from **Cheyney State College** (now **Cheyney University**) in Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation, Vance worked as a teacher in the Philadelphia Public Schools, and was then hired as a print journalist for The Philadelphia Independent. During this time, he also worked weekends at the radio station WHAT-AM. In 1968, Vance moved to WKBS-TV in Philadelphia, where he served as a reporter and interviewed Muhammad Ali. The following year, Vance joined WRC-TV NBC 4 in Washington, D.C., where he worked for over *forty-five years!*

At WRC-TV, Vance worked as co-anchor with Glenn Rinker between 1972 and 1976, and then as a co-anchor with Sue Simmons from 1976 to 1980. *Vance and Simmons were one of the first African American co-anchors of a major market newscast.* From 1989 until his earthly transition, Vance co-anchored with Doreen Gentzler and they were the longest-running anchor team in Washington, D.C.

Vance earned numerous awards and honors, including 17 Emmys and membership in the Silver Circle of the Washington Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences. He holds the *Ted Yates Award for Outstanding Community Service* and has been honored as "*Washingtonian of the Year.*" **Vance** was inducted into the *National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame in 2007*, and on May 2, 2008, he was inducted into the *National Alumni Hall of Fame of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania*. He also appeared in the documentaries, *Without Bias*, *The Nine Lives of Marion Barry*, and the feature film: *State of Play*.



**Name:** [Claflin University](#)

**Location:** Orangeburg, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Distant Town

The world needs visionaries. "Those who are able to imagine what's possible and chart a course to get there." More than 150 years ago, **Claflin University** broke down barriers in higher education, making it the first South Carolina university open to all regardless of race. Today, **Claflin** continues to welcome exemplary students of all races and genders who demonstrate a passion to change not only their own circumstances, but to change the world as well.

**Claflin** believes that most leaders are made, not born. Furthermore, the university believes that students with passion, integrity and a willingness to work hard have an innate capacity to become visionary leaders. **Claflin** students are challenged to realize their full potential, leaving with an unparalleled education that will serve them well in graduate school, in a career – and in life.

It's undeniable that **Claflin** is becoming a national university in every sense of the word. Sustained rankings from U.S. News and World Report and other important sources point to the University's upward trajectory.

**WATCH THIS VIDEO!**





## CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

**Name:** [Clark Atlanta University](#)

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$27,931\*

**Clark Atlanta University** was formed with the consolidation of *Atlanta University* and *Clark College*, both of which hold unique places in the annals of African-American history. *Atlanta University*, established in 1865 by the American Missionary Association, was the nation's first institution to award graduate degrees for African Americans. *Clark College*, established four years later in 1869, was the nation's first four-year liberal arts college to serve a primarily African-American student population. Today, with nearly 4,000 students, **CAU** is the largest of the four institutions (**CAU**, **Morehouse College**, **Spelman College** and **Morehouse School of Medicine**) that comprise the Atlanta University Center Consortium. It is also the largest of the 37-member United Negro College Fund (UNCF) institutions.

Building on its social justice history and heritage, **Clark Atlanta University** is a culturally diverse, research-intensive, liberal arts institution that prepares and transforms the lives of students. **CAU** is located in the heart of Atlanta which is the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement and modern center of emerging technologies and innovation. Ignited by its history, **CAU** is committed to delivering education that is accessible, relevant, and



**Kenya Barris** is the creator of ABC's Emmy-nominated series "*Black-ish*," which is based on his own life. In its second season, the show won a **Peabody Award** and an **AFI Award** and has held NAACP's title of Best Comedy Series for four consecutive years. Barris was awarded the **Outstanding Writing NAACP Image Award** in 2016 and 2017. Barris premiered the hit spinoff series, "*Grown-ish*" and has since announced his upcoming series "*Besties*" and "*Bewitched*." Due to his unparalleled innovative creative philosophy, he most recently signed a three-year exclusive overall producing deal with streaming giant Netflix. **Kenya Barris** graduated from **Clark Atlanta University** in 1996 with a degree in mass media arts.

As a writer, Barris has worked on several television shows including "*Listen Up*," "*The Game*" and "*Girlfriends*." He has also sold a number of pilots including "*America's Next Top Model*," which he co-created and is currently shown in 49 countries with 21 internationally-formatted offshoots. On the feature's side, he recently co-wrote "*Barbershop 3: The Next Cut*" and the hit comedy, "*Girls Trip*." His upcoming feature titles include "*Son of Shaft*," "*Coming 2 America*" and an animated film based on the songs of **Bob Marley**. **Kenya Barris** donated **Clark Atlanta University** \$1 million in 2018 and was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

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For over 125 years **Clinton College (CC)** has been fulfilling a necessary mission of educating deserving, yet underserved students. Through a holistic, culturally competent curriculum and caring committed instructors, students have been able to achieve and excel in scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Founded by ministers and named in honor of Bishop Isom Caleb Clinton as a school for the descendants of formerly enslaved African Americans, the mission of the College has always been to provide a quality, affordable education for the neediest of students.

**Name:** [Clinton College](#)

**Location:** Rock Hill, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$15,617\*

**CC** has grown and expanded its focus, from a Junior College to a four-year liberal arts college. As **CC** stands today, it is poised to become one of the most innovative small, private HBCU in the nation. Building on the four pillars of Scholarship, Social Change, Spirituality and Service, **Clinton College** is prepared to educate, equip and empower the next generation of Golden Bears.



**COPPIN**  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
EST. 1900

**Coppin State University** is a model urban, residential liberal arts university located in the northwest section of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. As an HBCU, **Coppin** has a culturally rich history as an institution providing quality educational programs and community outreach services. Since 1900, **Coppin State University** has been inspiring students from Maryland and beyond to achieve greatness in and out of the classroom. With a proud history, colorful traditions and deep community roots, **Coppin State** students and faculty are spreading **Coppin** pride far and wide, giving back to surrounding Baltimore communities, winning prestigious awards and much more.

**Name:** [Coppin State University](#)

**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$10,963\*

**Coppin** offers 53 majors and nine graduate-degree programs. A fully accredited institution, **Coppin** serves Baltimore residents as well as students from around the world, with flexible course schedules that include convenient day, evening, and weekend classes and distance learning courses.

 **Check this out!**



Janel Harris  
Administrative Counselor



**Name:** [Delaware State University](#)

**Location:** Dover, Delaware

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$13,213\*

**Delaware State University (DSU)** was founded in 1891 as the State College for Colored Students. The College attained University status in 1993. Today, the University is a diverse welcome center of learning for students from many backgrounds and races. **DSU** is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), as well as by six specialized academic agencies.

**DSU** offers a unique blend of past, present and future. Walk through the 356-acre campus and you'll see centuries-old buildings. At the same time, you'll find some of the country's most skilled researchers discovering new innovations in the fields of medicine, military defense, agriculture and much more.

**DSU** currently offers 44 undergraduate degree options, an impressive number for a school of its size. The university also offers 18 master's degree programs and five doctoral degree programs in areas such as interdisciplinary applied mathematics, mathematical physics, and educational leadership.



### **Piedmont Airlines & Delaware State University: Pilot Pipeline Interview Program**

**Delaware State University** is pleased to offer qualifying graduates of the **DSU** Professional Pilot Program a guaranteed interview for future employment at [Piedmont Airlines](#). This partnership serves as a pathway for talented **DSU** pilots to land an airline job early in their careers. Whereas before, graduates would toil through the ranks of aspiring airline pilots seeking opportunities to qualify for an interview with a regional or major air carrier, the *Piedmont Airlines* / **Delaware State University** partnership provides the opportunity for qualifying pilots to move directly from the **DSU** Certified Flight Instructor seat to the seat of *Piedmont Airlines*. [Click Here for More!](#)

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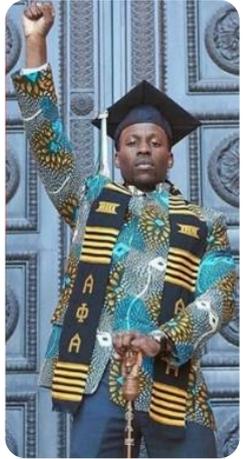
**Jamila Mustafa**

**Jamila Mustafa** is one of the most prominent voices shaping the millennial generation as an international award-winning broadcast journalist, host and actress. She has corresponded for *FOX*, *iHeartMedia*, *BET Networks* and *ESPN 2* just to name a few. **Mustafa** has hosted for live crowds upwards of 80,000 people and has interviewed political leaders like Congresswoman Maxine Waters and entertainers such as Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Jamie Lee Curtis, Issa Rae, Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Hart, Anthony Hopkins and more.

You can catch Jamila as the official host of TRL Top Ten on MTV Networks and Fresh Out Fridays on MTV 2. The former **Miss Delaware State University**, four-time pageant queen, and **1st Runner up Miss HBCU 2015** is one of the most decorated millennials of her time; including achieving *four resolutions* from **Delaware City Council** presidents, a letter of recognition from **U.S President Joe Biden** and was recently named one of the **Most Influential People of African Decent Under 40 by the United Nations**. The award-winning broadcast journalist became **Bennett College's** youngest commencement speaker (May 2020) in its 147-year history.

 **Check this out!**





# The Yard



*Celebrate*  
**GREEK**  
**LIFE**





**DILLARD**  
UNIVERSITY

**Name:** [Dillard University](#)

**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Type:** 4-year, Private

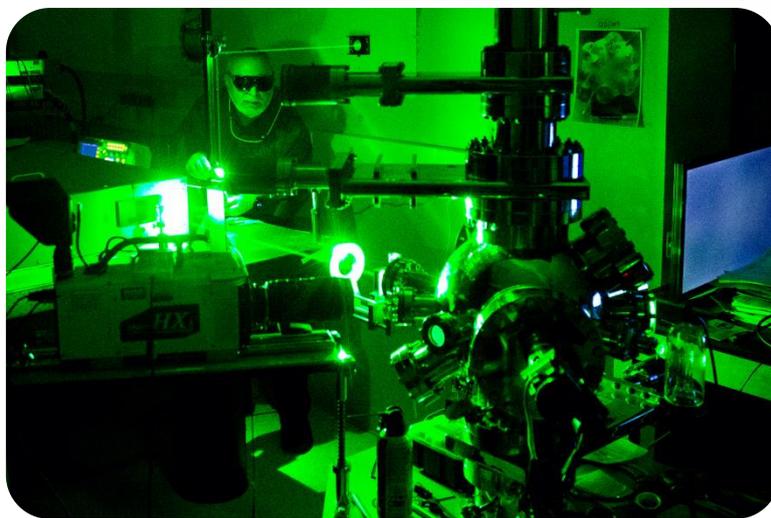
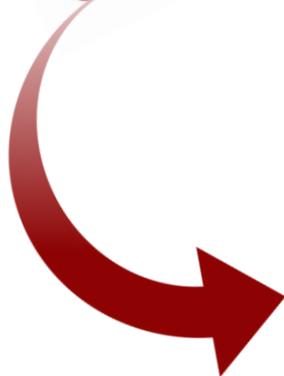
**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$17,269\*

**Dillard University** is Louisiana's first and one of the nation's oldest HBCUs. **Dillard** is a private four-year liberal arts university, located in New Orleans. **Dillard** offers over 20 bachelor's degrees in the disciplines of Business, Health and Wellness, the Humanities, Nursing, S.T.E.M. and Social Sciences.

**Dillard** was founded in 1869 and is affiliated with both the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. U.S. News and World Report ranks **Dillard** as #11 among all HBCUs and ranks it among the top undergraduate teaching schools. With an enrollment of just over 1200 students, **Dillard** offers small class sizes and personalized attention to all its students; a hallmark of what attending an HBCU is all about. Notable "Dillard Blue Devils" include **Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, former National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**, Ellis Marsalis, Jr., jazz great and father to jazz giant Winton Marsalis, and actor Garrett Morris to name a few.

**Dillard's** mission is to produce graduates who excel, become world leaders, are broadly educated, culturally aware and concerned with improving the human condition through its wide range of student services, clubs, and organizations, which include **eight chapters of Greek Letter Organizations** on its campus. **Dillard** offers a highly personalized and learning-centered approach to ensure its students are able to meet the competitive demands of a diverse global and technologically advanced society.



**Dillard University** has joined the IBM-HBCU Quantum Center, the nation's first quantum education and research initiative for **HBCUs** aimed at driving quantum skills development and building a diverse and inclusive quantum workforce. **Dillard University** is one of **24 HBCUs** that have joined the IBM-HBCU Quantum Center. As part of the IBM-HBCU Quantum Center, **Dillard University** will have access to IBM quantum computers on the cloud as well as opportunities for joint collaboration on research, education, and community outreach programs. Established in September 2020, the **IBM-HBCU Quantum Center** is a multi-year investment designed to prepare and develop talent at HBCUs from all STEM disciplines for the quantum future. It emphasizes the power of community and focuses on developing students through support and funding for research opportunities, curriculum development, workforce advocacy, and special projects. [Click here to learn more!](#)



**Nicole Tinson-Johnson**

A native of South-Central Los Angeles and graduate of **Dillard** and Yale, **Nicole Tinson-Johnson** is young, educated and committed to changing our community from inside and outside of the system. **Nicole** is the *Co-Founder* and *President* of **Jobs R 4 U**, a nonprofit organization committed to economic equity and empowerment for all, especially women, youth and people of color. She is committed to ensuring people have the resources they need to find and create jobs while alleviating violence within the community.

Mrs. Tinson-Johnson became actively involved while a student at **Dillard University** serving in various leadership capacities including: *President of the NAACP chapter*, the *Social Action Chair* for the **Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** and a founding member of the **Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)**. She was also an Emerging Leaders intern through the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and interned in the *Office of Congressman Cedric Richmond* and a *Young People For (YP4) fellow*. While at **Dillard**, she was selected for the inaugural **White House HBCU All Star** program and succeeded in confirming FLOTUS Michelle Obama as **Dillard's** commencement speaker. Thereafter, she attended Yale for graduate school to study religion. While there, she organized students and administration collectively to work on ways to be more inclusive with the diverse student body. [Watch the video below or Click Here to learn more about Nicole's HBCU 20x20!](#)





**Name:** [Edward Waters College](#)

**Location:** Jacksonville, Florida

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$12,479\*

In 1865, **Edward Waters College** began as an institution founded by blacks, for blacks. From the beginning, **EWC** was faced with both abject poverty and widespread illiteracy among its constituents resulting from pre-war conditions of servitude and historical, legally enforced non-schooling of African Americans. However, the school met the needs of its community by offering courses at the elementary, high school, college, and seminary levels. **Watch the video below to learn more about EWC!**



*Elevate Higher. Emerge Stronger.*

**Name:** [Elizabeth City State University](#)

**Location:** Elizabeth City, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Distant Town

**Net Price:** \$2,465\*

Located in the historic Albemarle area near the mouth of the Pasquotank River, **Elizabeth City State University** offers students the opportunity to receive an excellent education while enjoying a wide variety of recreational and cultural amenities. Favored by a mild climate and proximity to the world-renowned Outer Banks recreation area, **ECSU** can supply ingredients that help make student living and learning both exciting and fulfilling.

Also, **Elizabeth City State University** wants students to focus more on their education and less on paying for college! Beginning the Fall of 2018, **ECSU** dramatically reduced student costs. **ECSU** has earned national acclaim for its advancements by being ranked as the [U.S. News and World Report](#) #7 Top Public School in the Regional College South, #14 Top Performers in Social Mobility, #22 Top HBCUs, and #36 Best Regional College, South (2020-21).

**ECSU** is committed to the highest quality education by maintaining a rigorous focus on academic excellence through liberal arts programs and using innovative and flexible technology-based instruction models to enhance its signature areas: integrating technology with education, improving human health and wellness, and advancing the natural and aviation sciences.

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**Elizabeth City State University** Receives Cybersecurity Grant To Enhance The **Aviation/Drone Program** Curriculum To Meet Growing Workforce Demand. [Read More.](#)



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**Name:** [Fayetteville State University](#)

**Location:** Fayetteville, North Carolina

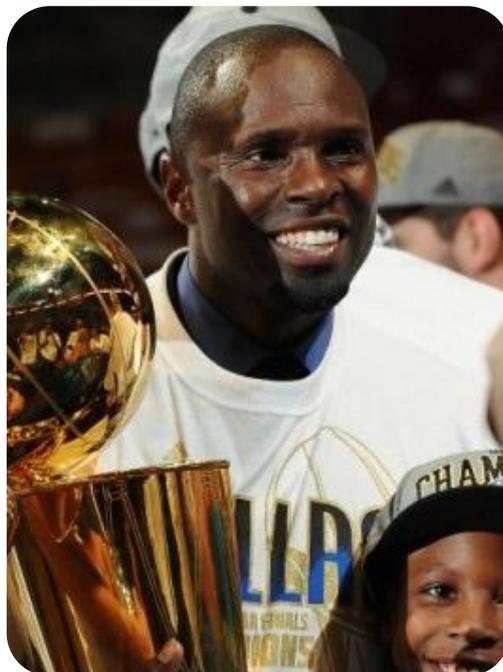
**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Fayetteville State University's** continued success is a testament to the tenacity of the spirit of seven black citizens and the black community of Fayetteville who established and supported the Howard School on November 29, 1867 for the purpose of educating black children.

**FSU** is committed to community outreach and partnership with public schools and indeed proud to be a provider of economic opportunity and cultural enlightenment for those around the university and throughout southeastern North Carolina.

The primary mission of **Fayetteville State University** is to provide quality education to its students through a basic liberal-arts foundation, specialized professional training, and specific graduate programs. **FSU** offers bachelor's degrees in 43 areas, master's degrees in 23 areas, and one doctoral degree in educational leadership.



**Darrell Eugene Armstrong** was born on the 22nd of June, 1968 in Gastonia, North Carolina and graduated from Ashbrook High School of Gastonia in 1986. At Ashbrook, Armstrong was a punter and wide receiver on the football team. Armstrong then attended **Fayetteville State University** and joined the football team as a walk-on placekicker. Armstrong played football for the 1986 and 1987 seasons and twice kicked school-record 48-yard field goals. In 1988, Armstrong joined the Fayetteville State basketball team and would play three seasons under coach Jeff Capel II. In his senior season of 1990–91, Armstrong played 24 games and averaged 16.4 points, 3.6 rebounds, and 4.7 assists. Armstrong was the **CIAA Slam Dunk Champion** in 1990 and a **first-team All-CIAA selection** in 1991.

**Darrell Eugene Armstrong** was not selected in the 1991 NBA draft and began his career with the Atlanta Eagles of the United States Basketball League (USBL) in 1991. Armstrong first signed with the NBA as a free agent for the Orlando Magic in late 1994–95. On January 26, 2009, a year after retiring, he became the **Player Development Assistant Coach for the Dallas Mavericks**. Armstrong went on to help coach the Dallas Mavericks to win the **2011 NBA Finals**.



**Fisk University** is ranked #6 among HBCUs, according to U.S. News and World Report, and is the oldest institution of higher learning in Nashville, Tennessee. **Fisk's** outstanding faculty and students continue to enhance the University's international reputation for academic excellence. Its scholars continue to make strides in all areas of the industry from Social Justice to the sciences.

**Name:** [Fisk University](#)

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$24,225\*

**A Fisk Education** prepares students to become beacons in servicing the community and well-rounded leaders and scholars in their respective fields. **Fisk** offers more than 20+ undergraduate and graduate programs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Clinical Psychology with a bridge master's to Ph.D. programs through a partnership with Vanderbilt University.

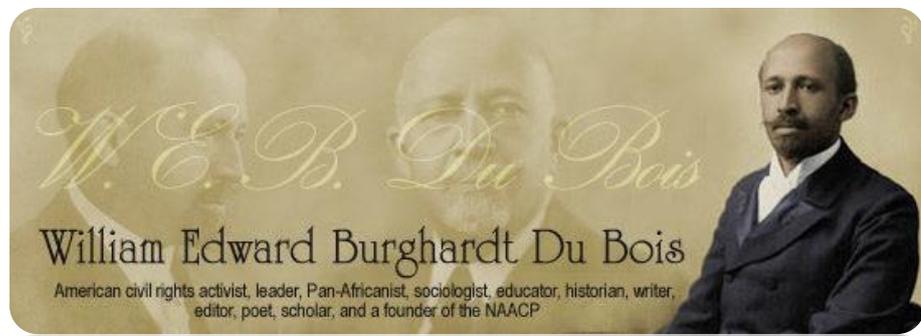
**Fisk University** produces graduates from diverse backgrounds with the integrity and intellect required for substantive contributions to society. The university's curriculum is grounded in the liberal arts, and its faculty and administrators emphasize the discovery and advancement of knowledge through research in the natural and social sciences, business and the humanities. **Fisk** is committed to the success of scholars and leaders with global perspective.

## Explore CAMPUS LIFE **AT FISK**

**Fisk University's** vibrant campus life helps students develop leadership skills, character, and discipline. As part of its commitment to cultivating leaders and scholars, the university gives students a place to grow as individuals and learn to become accountable for their actions. Campus life at **Fisk** is a great way to explore your interests, make life-long friends, have fun, and make the most of your **Fisk** experience. [Click Here to Learn More!](#)



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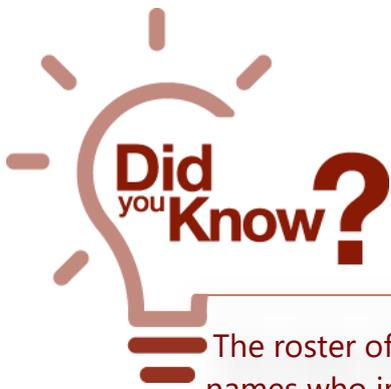


### W. E. B. DuBois

**William Edward Burghardt DuBois** was an American civil rights activist, leader, Pan-Africanist, sociologist, educator, historian, writer, editor, poet, and scholar. He was born and raised in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In 1905, **DuBois** was a founder and general secretary of the Niagara Movement, an African American protest group of scholars and professionals. **DuBois** founded and edited the *Moon* (1906) and the *Horizon* (1907-1910) as organs for the Niagara Movement. In 1909, **DuBois** was among the founders of the NAACP and from 1910 to 1934 served as director of publicity and research, a member of the board of directors, and *founder and editor of **The Crisis***, its monthly magazine. ***The Crisis*** is the same publication that employed **Langston Hughes**; a **Lincoln University** graduate. In *'The Crisis,'* **DuBois** directed a constant stream of agitation—often bitter and sarcastic—at white Americans while serving as a source of information and pride to African Americans. The magazine always published young African American writers. Racial protest during the decade following World War I focused on securing anti-lynching legislation. During this period, the NAACP was the leading protest organization and **DuBois** its leading figure.

In 1934, **DuBois** resigned from the NAACP board and from *'The Crisis'* because of his new advocacy of an African American nationalist strategy that ran in opposition to the NAACP's commitment to integration. However, he returned to the NAACP as director of special research from 1944 to 1948. During this period, he was active in placing the grievances of African Americans before the United Nations, serving as a consultant to the UN founding convention (1945) and writing the famous "An Appeal to the World" (1947). **DuBois** identified as a socialist and belonged to the Socialist Party from 1910 to 1912. **DuBois'** life and work were an inseparable mixture of scholarship, protest activity, and polemics. All of his efforts were geared toward gaining equal treatment for black people in a world dominated by whites and toward marshaling and presenting evidence to refute the myths of racial inferiority.

From his earliest years, **DuBois** was a prolific, gifted scholar. In 1884, **DuBois** graduated from high school as valedictorian. He received his Bachelor of Arts from **Fisk University** in Nashville, Tenn., in 1888, having spent summers teaching in African American schools in Nashville's rural areas. In 1888, he entered Harvard University as a junior, took a bachelor of arts cum laude in 1890, and was one of six commencement speakers. From 1892 to 1894, he pursued graduate studies in history and economics at the University of Berlin on a Slater Fund fellowship. He served for two years as professor of Greek and Latin at **Wilberforce University** in Ohio. **DuBois** received his Master of Arts from Harvard in 1891, and in 1895, he became **the first African American to receive a doctorate from the university**. His dissertation, *"The Suppression of the African Slave Trade to the United States of America, 1638-1870,"* was published as No. 1 in the Harvard Historical Series. In 1896-1897, **DuBois** became assistant instructor in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. There, he conducted the pioneering sociological study of an urban community, published as *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study* (1899). These first two works assured **DuBois** a place among America's leading scholars. He became a naturalized citizen of Ghana in 1963 at the age of 95 – the year of his death. **DuBois** died in Ghana on Aug. 27, 1963, on the eve of the civil rights march in Washington, D.C. He was given a state funeral, at which Kwame Nkrumah remarked that he was *"a phenomenon."*



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The roster of distinguished and notable **Fisk alumni** is too extensive to list all the names who include **Elizabeth Hortense (Golden) Canady**, Alfred O. Coffin, **Ida B. Wells**, Marion Barry, **Matthew Knowles**, Kim Whitley, **Nikki Giovanni**, St. Elmo Brady, **Cora Brown**, Leonard Jackson, and **Mary Frances Berry**! Take a look at the **GREATNESS** that **Fisk University** produced and check to see if you recognize anyone!

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**Name:** [Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University](#)

**Location:** Tallahassee, Florida

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$14,610\*

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University** was founded as the State Normal College for Colored Students on October 3, 1887. Today, **FAMU**, as it has become affectionately known, is the premiere school among HBCUs. **It is the highest-ranked public HBCU, according to U.S News & World Report's 2021 Best Colleges ranking of Top Public Universities.** Prominently located on the highest hill in Florida's capital city of Tallahassee, **Florida A&M University** remains the only HBCU in the eleven-member State University System of Florida.

**Florida A&M University** offers 54 bachelor's degrees, 29 master's degrees, one professional degree and 12 doctoral degrees. Top undergraduate programs are architecture; journalism; computer information sciences and psychology. **FAMU's** top graduate programs include pharmaceutical sciences along with public health; physical therapy; engineering; physics; masters of applied social sciences (especially history and public administration); business and sociology. In addition to being one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation, **FAMU** students have the opportunity to actively engage in a broad range of educational or recreational activities. There are more than 100 recognized student clubs and organizations at **FAMU**. [Click Here for More on FAMU's Greek Life!](#)



**FAMU, Nike agree to six-year deal with LeBron James fitted gear for all sports programs:  
Features Millions in Gear and Star Promotion!**

**Florida A&M University (FAMU)** athletics announced on Thursday a six-year agreement with Nike, Inc. to continue with the company as the official footwear, apparel and equipment provider for the **Rattlers** beginning July 1, 2021. **The Rattlers** will enter their new conference – Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) – sporting new gear, outfitted in **LeBron James** uniforms and apparel. This includes footwear explicitly designed for the University as part of this relationship. In addition to servicing the 14 sports programs, *Nike will supply apparel for The Marching 100!* [Click Here for More!](#)



**Keisha Lance Bottoms**

**Keisha Lance Bottoms** is a compassionate leader, committed public servant, and is the **60th Mayor of Atlanta**. President Joe Biden nominated **Bottoms** as *Vice Chair of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection* at the DNC for the 2021–2025 term.

A daughter of Atlanta, Mayor Bottoms is committed to realizing her vision of One Atlanta – an affordable, resilient and equitable Atlanta – which stands as a model city for both commerce and compassion. A lifelong public servant, **Mayor Bottoms** is the only mayor in Atlanta’s history to have served in *all three branches of government*, serving as a **Judge** and **City Councilmember** before being sworn in as **Mayor**. *Only the second woman to be elected to Atlanta’s highest office*, **Mayor Bottoms** was designated a “*Woman to Watch in 2018*” by Viacom’s BET Network. She has also been profiled by Atlanta Magazine, Georgia Trend Magazine, Ebony Magazine, Essence Magazine, and Politico Magazine, where she was named “*the most prominent black female executive in the South* – and one of the few in the entire country.”

Leading with a progressive agenda focused on equity and affordable housing, **Mayor Bottoms** serves as *Chair of the Community Development and Housing Committee* for the United States Conference of Mayors. She was also invited to join the prestigious Concordia Summit, where she shared the stage with global leaders discussing the importance of public-private solutions to the immigration crisis.

Mayor Bottoms’ notable accomplishments to date include the establishment of the City’s first fully-staffed Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, the appointments of a LGBTQ Affairs Coordinator and a Human Trafficking Fellow, the citywide elimination of cash bail bond, the closure of the Atlanta City Detention Center to ICE detainees, and the rollout of the most far-reaching financial transparency platform in the City’s history – Atlanta’s Open Checkbook. A product of Atlanta Public Schools, **Mayor Bottoms** graduated from Frederick Douglass High School and received her undergraduate degree from **Florida A&M University**. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law.

An active member of the community, Mayor Bottoms is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, *Jack and Jill of America*, *The Links, Inc.*, and **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**. She has also served on the board of Families First and shares her personal story of adoption and advocates on behalf of adoption and foster care. Mayor Bottoms is the daughter of Sylvia Robinson and R&B icon Major Lance. She resides in historic Southwest Atlanta with her husband, Derek W. Bottoms, their four children–Lance, Langston, Lennox and Lincoln, and their family dog, Logan.



Since 1879, the courage of its founders and the *fortitude* of its students have given **Florida Memorial University (FMU)** the great privilege of offering quality education to students who may not otherwise receive one. Students attend **FMU** in pursuit of their dreams and leave equipped to disrupt the world for good.

**Name:** [Florida Memorial University](#)

**Location:** Miami Gardens,  
Florida

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

**Net Price:** \$17,247\*

**FMU** is hailed as a top area for tech start-ups, innovation and Black entrepreneurship. This gives **FMU's** students access to leading professionals and hands-on learning in a variety of industries. As a private, co-educational institution, **FMU** is committed to cultivating a new generation of professionals who will positively advance the local, national and global economy.



**Dr. Mathew Wayne Whitest (Dr. Wayne)**, a native of Cordele / Crisp County Georgia, also President of *Wayne Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, is the founder of the [M.D. Whitest Medical Institute](#). The M.D. Whitest Medical Institute is working to provide quality healthcare and biomedical research to the Southwest Georgia community and beyond. Dr. Wayne and his team at Wayne Pharmaceuticals recently completed several months of negotiations that resulted in them acquiring a licensing agreement for a vaccine in development at the University of Massachusetts Medical School that will prevent the contraction of HIV. Dr. Whitest and Wayne Pharmaceuticals own the exclusive license.

Dr. Wayne's pharmaceutical healthcare products are gradually gaining entry to retail stores throughout the country. Dr. Wayne, a 1987 graduate of **Florida Memorial University**, believes that efforts to improving the lives of all Southwest Georgia citizens will expand economic development, disease prevention, and other quality of life outcomes.

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**Name:** [Fort Valley State](#)

[University](#)

**Location:** Fort Valley, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$13,075\*

**Fort Valley State University (FVSU)** is where talented students go simply for the opportunity to be brilliant. Located in the heart of Georgia, **FVSU** combines the personal attention and family feel of a small, private college with the resources and research found at large public universities. Since 1895, the university is preparing students to embrace their genius as future global leaders and enabling discovery which will make real that only now imagined. That's why the University's motto and tagline is "**empower the possible.**"

Among **FVSU's** dynamic emerging areas of distinction are its fast-growing undergraduate research opportunities, in which students, as early as freshman year, can engage directly in world-changing research with an internationally-recognized faculty member tackling complex global challenges like cancer, brain science, socio-economic disparities, environmental sustainability, education, automation, artificial intelligence, food safety, and agricultural productivity.



**Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.** was born April 12, 1950 in Toccoa, Georgia to Lizzie Dortch and Thomas W. Dortch, Sr. After graduating from Whitman Street High School in 1968, Dortch attended **Fort Valley State University** and graduated with a B.A. in sociology in 1972. He earned a graduate degree in Criminal Justice Administration from **Clark Atlanta University**. As Chairman Emeritus of **100 Black Men of America, Inc.** and President and Chief Executive Officer of **TWD, Inc.**, Dortch has established himself as a leader by diligently working to dismantle systemic barriers to empowerment. Under his guidance, 100 Black Men of America expanded to include 102 chapters throughout the US, Africa, England and the West Indies. Formed in 1986, the mission of the "100" is to improve the quality of life and enhance the educational and economic opportunities for African-Americans.

Mr. Dortch launched his formal career in 1972, writing proposals and developing fund raising projects for the State of Georgia that sought to aid marginalized members of society. He became the Associate Director of the Democratic Party of Georgia in 1974 where during his four-year tenure he assisted in the creation of the first charter for the state party and wrote the first Affirmative Action and Compliance Review Program for the Party. In 1978, Mr. Dortch began working with U.S. Senator Sam Nunn by providing technical assistance at conferences, meetings, and public hearings. In 1990, he became the State Director and served as chief administrator over five field offices and one state office. Mr. Dortch was the *first African American* to serve in this capacity for the United States Senate.



**Name:** [Grambling State](#)

[University](#)

**Location:** Grambling, Louisiana

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Distant Town

**Net Price:** \$18,074 \*

**Grambling State University** opened on November 1, 1901 as the Colored Industrial and Agricultural School. It was founded by the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association and organized in 1896 by a group of African-American farmers who wanted to organize and operate a school for African Americans in their region of the state. In response to the Association's request for assistance, **Tuskegee Institute's Booker T. Washington** sent **Charles P. Adams** to help the group organize an industrial school. Adams became its founding president.

**Grambling State University** is a comprehensive, public HBCU that offers a broad spectrum of undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Through its undergraduate major courses of study, which are undergirded by a traditional liberal arts program, and through its graduate school, which has a decidedly professional focus, the University embraces its founding principle of educational opportunity.



**Erykah Badu** is best known as an American R&B singer-songwriter who was instrumental in the creation and rise of the neo soul sub-genre. She has released singles like "*On & On*," "*Honey*," and "*The Healer*." She was born on February 26, 1971 in Dallas, TX. She has been compared to Billie Holiday as a musician. She became invested in her cultural roots at age fourteen, which heavily influenced her music. After graduating from **Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts**, Badu went on to study theater at **Grambling State University**.

Although she disputes the term, Erykah Badu has been dubbed "**the first lady of neo-soul**" and "**the queen of neo-soul**." *Baduizm's* commercial and critical success earned Erykah Badu popularity at the time and helped establish her as one of the emerging neo soul genre's leading artists. Along with D'Angelo's *Brown Sugar* (1995) and Maxwell's *Urban Hang Suite* (1996), the album has been recognized by music writers for beginning neo soul's popularity and helping the genre obtain commercial visibility at the time. Erykah Badu's song "*Master Teacher*" popularized the expression **stay woke** in the meaning of to continue to be "*self-aware, questioning the dominant paradigm and striving for something better*."

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**Hampton University (HU)** traces its roots to the work of Mary Peake, which began in 1861 during the American Civil War, with outdoor classes taught under the landmark "Emancipation Oak Tree." The newly issued Emancipation Proclamation was first read to a gathering under the historic tree in 1863. The tree, now a symbol of the university and city, is part of the **National Historic Landmark District at Hampton University**.

**Name:** [Hampton University](#)

**Location:** Hampton, Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$27,441\*

While Hampton's roots reach deep into the history of this nation and the African-American experience, the University's sights – like its students – are set squarely on the horizons of the global community of the 21st century. Rich in history, steeped in tradition, **Hampton University** is a dynamic, progressive institution of higher education, providing a broad range of technical, liberal arts, and graduate degree programs. In addition to being one of the top HBCUs in the world, **Hampton University** is a tightly-knit community of learners and educators, representing 49 states and 35 territories and nations.



**Mathematician Mary Winston Jackson** was one of a small group of African American women who worked as aeronautical engineers, called "**human computers**," at NASA during the Space Age. Jackson excelled academically in a time of racial segregation. Mary Jackson earned bachelor's degrees in mathematics and physical science from **Hampton University** in 1942. She was a member of the **Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc.** Her math and science skills earned her a position as *NASA's first Black female engineer*. Along with serving a vital role in the development of the space program, *she helped other women and minorities advance their careers*. The story of her groundbreaking contributions to NASA was later dramatized in the 2016 film *Hidden Figures*. Though President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802 prohibited discrimination in the defense industry, Virginia state law still enforced segregation in the workplace. All work facilities had separate restrooms and cafeterias designated "white" or "colored." In the company cafeteria, whites could select their food choices and sit in a lunchroom. Black people had to make their food requests to a cafeteria attendant and then go back to their desks and eat, an experience Jackson considered an indignity. After several months of "separate and unequal" accommodations, Jackson had had enough. She considered resigning, but a chance encounter with a supervisor changed her mind. After hearing her complaints, he invited her to work for him and she accepted. He quickly saw her potential and encouraged her to take engineering classes. In time, she was promoted to aeronautical engineer, making her NASA's first Black female engineer, and developed expertise working with wind tunnels and analyzing data on aircraft flight experiments. In 2019, Jackson was posthumously awarded the **Congressional Gold Medal**. In June 2020, NASA renamed its DC headquarters after Jackson to **The Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters**.



**Ruth E. Carter**

**Ruth E. Carter** is an American costume designer for film and television, with over 40 films to her credit, who has mastered the look of multiple periods and genres in envisioning the clothing and overall appearance of a character or performer. Carter's unparalleled ability to develop an authentic story through costume has made her one of the most sought after and renowned costume designers to date.

During her near 30-year film career, Carter has been nominated three times for the Academy Award for Best Costume Design for her work on Spike Lee's biographical film *Malcolm X* (1992), Steven Spielberg's historical drama film *Amistad* (1997), and her most recent work on Ryan Coogler's Marvel superhero film *Black Panther* (2018), for which she won the award and became **the first African-American to win an Academy Award for Best Costume Design**. That win was also the first Academy Award win for Marvel Studios.

Carter graduated from **Hampton Institute**, currently known as Hampton University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Carter began her career working as an intern in her hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts and at the *Santa Fe Opera*. She moved to Los Angeles in 1986. While working at the Los Angeles Theater Center, Carter met director Spike Lee, who hired her for his second film, *School Daze* (1988), and with whom she worked on a number of films thereafter, including *Do the Right Thing* (1989), *Mo' Better Blues* (1990), *Jungle Fever* (1991), and *Malcolm X* (1992). Carter has continued to work on films for Spike Lee, including *Oldboy* (2013), *Da Sweet Blood of Jesus* (2014), and *Chi-Raq* (2015).

Carter is also known for her work on *What's Love Got to Do with It* (1993), *Serenity* (2005), *Four Brothers* (2005), *Sparkle* (2012), *The Butler* (2013) directed by Lee Daniels, and *Selma* (2014) directed by Ava DuVernay. Carter's most recent work was on the Afrofuturist superhero Marvel Cinematic Universe Film *Black Panther* (2018), directed by Ryan Coogler. Her costumes were inspired by many traditional African garments, including those of the Maasai and Ndebele people. She traveled to southern Africa to draw aesthetic inspirations and received permission to incorporate traditional Lesotho designs into the film's costumes. [Find out more about Ruth E. Carter Here!](#)



**Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU)** provides educational opportunities for individuals seeking a rich and engaging academic experience. They offer programs designed to nurture intellectual curiosity and build authentic skills that prepare their students for success in a diverse society. **HSSU** programs meet high standards for preparing professionals for the workforce. The institution currently offers 59 academic options.

In addition, the University is thoroughly committed to meeting to the greatest extent possible the needs of a student population that is diverse in age, culture, ethnicity and experiential backgrounds. In short, **Harris-Stowe State University** is strongly committed to providing a high-quality higher education experience that is both affordable and accessible to the diverse populations within and beyond the metropolitan St. Louis region. The University seeks to accomplish this overarching goal through an extensive academic support program, a college-preparatory academy for urban youth, supervision of student progress and through many community outreach and collaborative partnerships with businesses, government and educational institutions.

**Name:** [Harris-Stowe State University](#)

**Location:** Saint Louis, Missouri

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$10,551\*



**Congresswoman Cori Bush** is a registered nurse, community activist, organizer, single mother, and ordained pastor for the people of St. Louis. Congresswoman Bush is serving her first term as the representative of Missouri's 1st Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. She is the first Black woman and first nurse to represent Missouri; the first woman to represent Missouri's 1st Congressional District; and the first activist from the movement fighting for Black lives elected to the United States Congress.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Congresswoman Bush graduated from Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School and studied at **Harris-Stowe State University** before receiving a nursing degree from the Lutheran School of Nursing. She has served her community for more than a decade as a nurse, clergy, and childcare worker. A relentless advocate for the unhoused community in St. Louis, **Congresswoman Bush** has spent years as a community organizer providing services and aid to her unhoused neighbors in the district. Congresswoman Bush is the recipient of the 2015 "*Woman of Courage*" Award from the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation. In May of 2019, she received the *Herschel Walker Award* at the 27th Annual Herschel Walker "Peace & Justice" Awards. In June of 2019, she was selected *Top Nurse* by the International Nurses Association. In October of 2020, the Jefferson City NAACP awarded Congresswoman Bush their prestigious "*Trailblazer Award*."



**Name:** [Howard University](#)

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$21,428\*

Founded in 1867 by Civil War Hero, **General Oliver O. Howard**, **Howard University (HU)** is a private, research university comprising 13 schools and colleges. Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. To date, **Howard** has awarded more than 120,000 degrees in the arts, the sciences, and the humanities. The historic main campus sits on a hilltop in Northwest Washington blocks from the storied **U Street and Howard Theatre**.

**HU** is two miles from the U.S. Capitol where many students' intern and scores of alumni shape national and foreign policy. Howard's urban location in **Washington, D.C.** centers the institution amidst of one of the most powerful hubs of influence in government, health, technology, economies, the arts, and more. Howard's main campus is home to 256 acres of land across the District of Columbia and Maryland.

### ***HU Achievement and Accolades:***

- HU is the leading producer of African American students entering medical schools in the U.S.
- The National Science Foundation cites HU as the top producer for African American undergraduates who later earn PhDs in natural sciences
- Ranked No. 34 on *U.S. News & World Report's* list of 2019 Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs.
- The School of Business earned the No. 1 spot by *Princeton Review* as the "greatest opportunity for minority students."
- The No. 1 producer of African Americans earning degrees in communications and journalism by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.
- The School of Law is the No. 2 law degree producer for African Americans by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.



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***Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated*** was founded on the campus of **Howard University** on **January 13, 1913** by **22** collegiate students to promote **Scholarship, Sisterhood and Service**.

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**Chadwick Aaron Boseman**

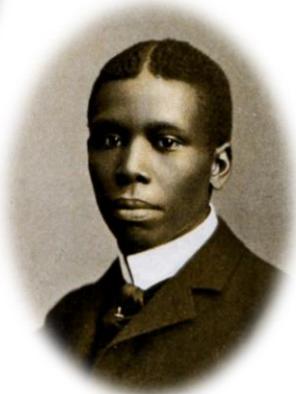
**Chadwick Aaron Boseman** was born on November 29, 1977 in Anderson, South Carolina. His parents were Carolyn and Leroy Boseman. His father worked in the textile industry and ran an upholstery business while his mother worked as a nurse. Chadwick Boseman attended T. L. Hanna High School and then graduated from **Howard University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Directing**. He then attended London's British American Drama Academy. After Boseman returned to the US, he enrolled at New York City's Digital Film Academy. After completing his studies, he began his acting career by doing a number of TV programs. Soon, he ventured into films as well. At the start of his career, he worked as a drama instructor at the Schomburg Center for Research in New York.

**Chadwick Boseman** started acting in 2003 when he secured a recurring role in the TV series *All My Children*. After this, he appeared in an episode each of *Third Watch*, *Law & Order* and *CSI: NY* respectively. In 2008, he was cast as Nathaniel "Nate" Ray in the series *Lincoln Heights*. The same year, the actor did the flick *The Express*. Next, he played Sergeant McNair in the series *Persons Unknown*. In 2011, he was featured in the TV programs *Castle*, *Fringe*, *Detroit* and *Justified* respectively.

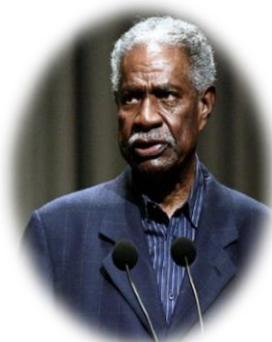
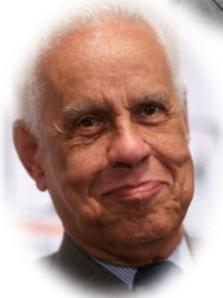
**Chadwick Boseman** was best known for playing **Jackie Robinson** in the biographical sports movie, *42*, in 2013. He then played **James Brown** in the 2014 biographical film *Get on Up*. Then in 2016, the American artiste was featured in the flick *Gods of Egypt*. That year, he also joined the cast of *Captain America: Civil War* as T'Challa / Black Panther. After this, Boseman co-produced as well as acted in the flick *Marshall*. In the year 2018, he reprised his role as T'Challa / Black Panther in the movies *Black Panther* and *Avengers: Infinity War* respectively. In 2019, he starred in the action thriller film *21 Bridges*. The last film of his career was the war-drama, film *Da 5 Bloods* which was released on Netflix on 12 June 2020. Chadwick Boseman died on August 28, 2020, in Los Angeles, California, following a four-year battle with colon cancer. **Chadwick Aaron Boseman** was 43 years young.

### More Notable Alumni

The roster of distinguished and notable HU Alumni is too extensive to list all the names who include Kamala Harris, **Thurgood Marshall**, Phylicia Rashad, **Patricia Harris**, Zora Neale Hurston, **Paul Dunbar**, Toni Morrison, **Isaiah Washington**, Roxie Roker, **Nick Cannon**, Debbie Allen, **Andrew Young**, Douglas Wilder, **Mike Espy**, David Dinkins, **Elijah Cummings**, Ras Baraka, **Benjamin O. Davis Sr.**, and Edward W. Brooke III. Take a look at the **GREATNESS** that **Howard University** produced on the next page and check to see if you recognize anyone!



## Howard University Alumni





**Name:** [Huston-Tillotson University](#)

**Location:** Austin, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$16,044\*

**Huston-Tillotson College** was formed by the merger of **Samuel Huston College** and **Tillotson College**, which was effective on October 24, 1952. Huston-Tillotson College remained primarily a black college after the merger, although there were no restrictions as to race. Over time, **HT** nurtured a legacy of leadership and excellence in education, connecting knowledge, power, passion, and values. Larry L. Earvin became the fifth president of the University in 2000 and moved the institution to university status.

**Huston-Tillotson University** awards undergraduates four-year degrees in business, education, the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, science and technology. In **HT's** programs, courses are offered in a format designed specifically for working adults. In order to accommodate students' busy schedules, classes are offered twice a week. **HT's** one-time registration process is completed at the beginning of the student's program.



**Name:** [Interdenominational Theological Center](#)

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** NA

**The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC)** was chartered in 1958 through the mutual efforts of four seminaries that came together to form one school of theology, in cooperation as an ecumenical cluster. The collaborative later added two additional schools and today houses five seminaries and an ecumenical fellowship. **ITC** is the world's only graduate theology program with this unique model that is exclusively African American but inclusive to all:

- The Baptist-affiliated Morehouse School of Religion
- The United Methodist-affiliated Gammon Theological Seminary
- Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal)
- Phillips School of Theology (Christian Methodist Episcopal)

**ITC** is the largest free-standing African American theological school in the United States. In their 1990 book, *The Black Church in the African American Experience*, C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya identified the **ITC** as one of several black ecumenical initiatives that *arose in the United States in connection with the civil rights and black consciousness movements*. They called the **ITC** "one of the more successful ventures in black ecumenism." In their 2007 book, *The Future of Pentecostalism in the United States*, Eric Patterson and Edmund John Rybarczyk described the **ITC** as "a major center of progressive, African American theological thought."



**Name:** [Jackson State University](#)

**Location:** Jackson, Mississippi

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$14,050\*

**Jackson State University** is a public HBCU in Jackson, Mississippi. It is one of the largest HBCUs in the United States and the fourth largest university in Mississippi. The mission of **Jackson State University** is to provide quality teaching, research and service at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels to diverse populations of students and communities using various modalities to ensure that they are technologically advanced, ethical, global leaders who think critically and can address societal problems and compete effectively.

**Jackson State University** is a diverse technologically-advanced four-year university steeped in history and committed to preparing its students to become global leaders. Jackson State provides a caring, nurturing environment in which to challenge its students to improve themselves and serve others. The University offers 45 undergraduate programs, 48 graduate programs and 19 online programs.



**Walter Payton** began his football career in Mississippi and went on to have an outstanding collegiate football career at **Jackson State University** where he was an All-American. He started his professional career with the Chicago Bears in 1975 and proceeded to win the 1977 AP NFL Most Valuable Player Award and won Super Bowl XX with the 1995 Chicago Bears. He was regarded as one of the best football players of all time.

Walter was a nine-time Pro Bowl selectee and was elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame that same year, and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996. He was named to the NFL 75th Anniversary All-Time Team in 1994, and the NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team in 2019. Hall of Fame NFL player and coach Mike Ditka described Payton as the greatest football player he had ever seen—but even greater as a human being. He retired from football at the end of the 1987 season having rushed for at least 1,200 yards in 10 of his 13 seasons in the NFL.

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**Jarvis Christian College (JCC)** is a liberal arts, four-year HBCU affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The mission of the college is to prepare a diverse population of lifelong learners intellectually, socially, spiritually, and personally through providing interactive services and using varied modalities of instructional delivery. **JCC** is committed to the values and ideals of liberal arts education. As a Christian college, Jarvis instills in its students the value of faith, inclusion, service, responsibility and accountability.

**Jarvis** is free from the noise and smog of the big city and is conducive for study. However, **JCC** retains access to neighboring metropolitan areas. It is approximately 100 miles southeast of Dallas. The campus is situated in an attractive wooded area of about 1,000 acres, providing adequate room for future expansion. The campus proper covers approximately 243 acres.

**Name:** [Jarvis Christian College](#)

**Location:** Hawkins, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$14,161\*

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**Name:** [Johnson C. Smith University](#)

**Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

Founded in 1867, **Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU)** is a private liberal arts university with proud HBCU traditions and a future aimed at diversity. The school was chartered by two Presbyterian Ministers in Charlotte, NC and was initially called the Freedmen's College of North Carolina. A significant donation from Jane Berry Smith in 1922 led to the renaming of the school after her husband, "Johnson C. Smith."

The mission of **Johnson C. Smith University** is to provide an outstanding education for a diverse group of talented and highly motivated students from various ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds. **Johnson C. Smith University** offers a liberal education in conjunction with concentrated study in a specialized field in preparation for advanced study and specific careers.



**Dr. Felesia Stukes** is becoming a trailblazer in the world of data science, especially for women, minorities and HBCUs. In January 2021, Stukes was awarded the IBM Academic Award for Social Computing Command Center: Innovating Undergraduate Data Science Curriculum. The IBM Academic Award program fosters collaboration between researchers at leading universities and IBM Researchers and Technologists worldwide. The partnership includes Watson IBM, a question-answering computer system, for the campus to use. **Stukes**, who developed and leads the data science minor at **Johnson C. Smith University**, hopes this partnership helps her fulfill her long-term goal of diversifying the data science industry.

**Dr. Stukes** is a **North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University** graduate and the **first Black faculty member in the Department of Computer Science at JCSU**. **Dr. Stukes** has expanded her efforts more broadly outside of **JCSU**. She is currently collaborating with five other HBCUs in a data science consortium, designed to inspire and extend a culture of academic development and research collaborations across the region, state, and ultimately, the nation. In the future she would like to see a data science undergraduate and graduate program at **JCSU**. [Click here for more!](#)

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**Fred "Curly" Neal**

**Fred "Curly" Neal** was a basketball legend for the **world-famous Harlem Globetrotters** and became a global icon while representing the sport around the world. During his 22-year career with the Harlem Globetrotters, Neal played more than 6,000 basketball games in 97 countries. He adopted the nickname "Curly" because of his iconic bald head and warm personality that won over the hearts of many basketball fans. While Neal's basketball skills elevated him to celebrity status, his ability to make people smile is what defined the former basketball legend.

Neal's love for basketball began early and lasted throughout his life. Born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, he attended Greensboro-Dudley High School where he became a highly regarded player. From 1959 to 1963 Neal played college basketball at **Johnson C. Smith University**. Here he averaged 23.1 points per game. Toward the end of his collegiate career Neal led his team to CIAA championship. Immediately following graduation, he joined the world-famous **Harlem Globetrotters**. One of his first actions was to shave his head. This bold move earned him the nickname "Curly" referencing the classic "Three Stooges" character. In 1985, Fred "Curly" Neal retired from the **Harlem Globetrotters**. Neal served as the *Director of Special Projects* for the *Orlando Magic*, worked in *Public Relations* for the *Harlem Globetrotters*, and operated as *Spokesperson* for *Siemens Corporation*. In the 1991-1992 basketball season, Neal invested and starred in the NBA's "Stay in School" initiative encouraging middle school students to avoid drugs. His work with the "Stay in School" program influenced over 50,000 students in Central Florida.

On February 15, 2008, Curly Neal's iconic jersey number 22 was retired to the rafters of Madison Square Garden. He became only the fifth Globetrotter ever to have his jersey retired joining **Wilt Chamberlain**, **Marques Haynes**, **Meadowlark Lemon**, and **Goose Tatum**. In the same year, Neal was also inducted into the **North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame** alongside legendary coach **Roy Williams**. On March 26, 2020 Fred "Curly" Neal died at the age of 77. His legacy with the Globetrotters was honored as a recipient of the "Legends" ring. Recipients of the Globetrotters' "Legends" ring have made major impacts in the Globetrotters organization while also making significant humanitarian efforts. His legacy is a life characterized by incredible basketball abilities and a lifelong effort to help others and bring the world joy.



**Name:** [Kentucky State University](#)

**Location:** Frankfort, Kentucky

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$7,363\*

**Kentucky State University** is a public, comprehensive, land-grant HBCU committed to advancing the Commonwealth of Kentucky, enhancing society, and impacting individuals by providing quality teaching with a foundation in liberal studies, scholarly research, and public service to enable productive lives within the diverse global economy.

**Kentucky State University** prepares today's students as global citizens, lifelong learners, and problem solvers. To accomplish this, **Kentucky State University** challenges itself and its students to be the best. **KSU** recognizes its strengths to expand and excel. Notwithstanding, **KSU** also welcomes change and quality improvement. By doing so, **KSU** gains widespread recognition as one of the region's strongest universities.

#### **Notable Alumni:**

- **Harrison Wilson, Ph.D.:** President of **Norfolk State University**
- **Whitney M. Young, Jr.:** Executive Director of the National Urban League from 1961-1971
- **Moneta Sleet, Jr.:** The first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for photography; photo of **Coretta Scott King** at **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s** funeral
- **Yingluck Shinawatra:** Prime Minister of Thailand (2011–2013)
- **James L. McCullin:** **Tuskegee Airman** whose plane was lost over Sicily during WWII



**Name:** [Lane College](#)

**Location:** Jackson, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$12,662\*

In 1882, one of the nation's early black church denominations founded what has since evolved into **Lane College**. Now referred to as The Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, the organization was originally named the Colored Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church in America when it formed in 1870. Among its top priorities was the establishment of schools to educate the newly freed negroes following the Civil War.

Academic excellence is the institution's top priority, and it is achieved through a student-centered and nurturing approach to learning supported by excellent teaching, teaching-related research, and service. **Lane College** believes that one's intellectual capability coupled with social and spiritual growth is essential to the development of a well-rounded individual.

**Lane College** prepares students for a highly competitive world after graduation, one where you will not only compete with graduates from other schools, you will thrive over them.



# LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

**Name:** [Langston University](#)

**Location:** Langston, Oklahoma

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$11,537 \*

Founded in 1897, **Langston University** is comprised of three campuses located in Langston, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. The **Langston** campus offers programs such as biology, chemistry, nursing, urban education, international studies, goat research, physical therapy (a doctoral program) and biotechnology. The **LU-OKC** and **LU-Tulsa** campuses offer upper division courses and graduate courses that are ideal for students who have completed their associate degrees and wish to pursue a bachelor's degree or a master's degree. Some of the programs offered on these campuses include accounting, psychology, urban education, rehabilitation counseling and organizational leadership.

### Notable Alumni:

- **Dr. Henry Ponder:** Former president of **Fisk University, Talladega College, Benedict College, NAFAEO** and **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**
- **Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson:** Pro Bowl linebacker for the Dallas Cowboys (1975-1979)
- **Bessie Coleman:** The first African American woman pilot and the first American woman to obtain an International Pilot's license.
- **Marques Haynes:** Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; basketball and football star before going on to captain the Harlem Globetrotters

**Take a look at the video below to learn about research opportunities at Langston University!**

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**Name:** [Le Moyne-Owen College](#)

**Location:** Memphis, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$7,531 \*

**LeMoyne-Owen College** is a four-year liberal arts college that provides a transformative experience for students with a goal of preparing them for future professional endeavors. Students become graduates—and achievers of the future, and the College is a launching pad for success—no matter where a scholar is on their academic journey.

The **LeMoyne-Owen College** campus is located within the urban center of Memphis, Tennessee, yielding a rich cultural vibrancy to the institution. It is situated in the heart of the historic "*Soulsville District*", where legendary artists once recorded soul classics at Stax Records. The College has been a part of the community since opening its doors on Walker Avenue in 1914. Notably, **LeMoyne-Owen** is also Memphis' only HBCU with a history dating back to 1862, and is proud to be one of just over 100 such institutions remaining nationwide.



On November 3, 1970, in Syracuse, NY, **Jeanette J. Epps** was born to parents Henry and Luberta Epps. She was born, with her twin sister, Janet, as the youngest of seven with two other sisters and three brothers. Epps graduated from Thomas J. Corcoran High School in Syracuse in 1988. She attended **LeMoyne-Owen College** and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. She then received her Master of Science in 1994 and Doctorate of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering in 2000, both at the University of Maryland.

In 2003, **Epps** joined the CIA in Iraq for four months as a Technical Operations Officer, where she looked for weapons of mass destruction. She worked with the CIA for a total of seven and a half years as an analyst of foreign weapons systems. She then entered the agency's Directorate of Science and Technology, developing operations that allow the collection of technology-related intelligence data for the US government. Throughout the years, **Epps** continually followed NASA's program in selecting new astronauts but worried about not being picked. Putting aside her fear, **Epps** applied to the program and on June 23, 2009, she received a call confirming she was selected for NASA's next group of astronauts. After Astronaut Candidate Training, **Epps** participated in NEEMO (NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operation), studied geology in Hawaii and immersed herself in the Russian language in Moscow, Russia. She also continued spacewalk training (EVA), robotics and T-38. She worked on crew efficiency on the space station as a representative to the Generic Joint Operation Panel, as well as other topics. **Epps** also worked as a *Crew Support Astronaut for two expeditions and as lead CAPCOM (Capsule Communicator)* in mission control.



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY  
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**Name:** [Lincoln University](#)

**Location:** Jefferson City, Missouri

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$8,711\*

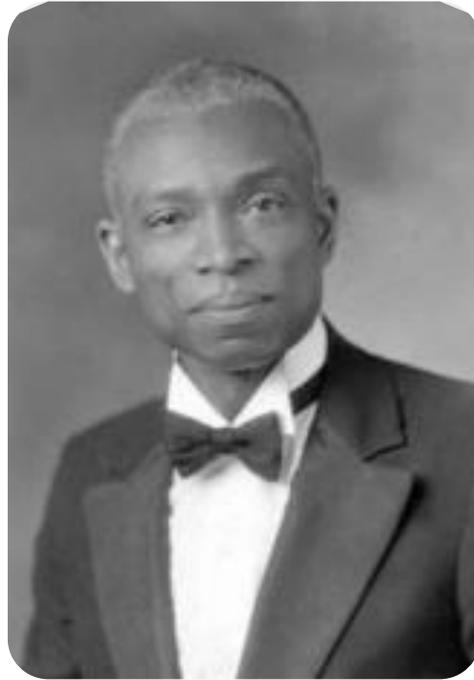
**Lincoln University** of Missouri is an 1890 land-grant, public, comprehensive HBCU that provides excellent educational opportunities including theoretical and applied learning experiences to a diverse population within a nurturing, student-centered environment.

**Lincoln University** specializes in meeting the needs of a diverse student population in terms of age, ethnicity, gender, and socio-economic background. The University also provides academic, personal, and social programs and services that are commensurate with the needs of the diverse population which it serves. As an HBCU, **Lincoln** continues to give particular attention to African American students from both within and outside Missouri. In this regard, an array of unique, as well as standard, educational and support services are provided. In addition, the University provides opportunities for non-traditional students to participate in educational activities held at on- and off-campus sites. **Take a look at the video below to learn more about Lincoln University!**

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**John Morton-Finney**

**John Morton-Finney** was a true Renaissance man, earning an impressive **11 degrees** during his lifetime. The former *Buffalo Soldier Army* man and educator is also considered by some historians as **the longest-serving lawyer of all time**. **Morton-Finney** was born to a former slave father and a free mother in Kentucky. The parents taught their seven children the value of education which served the young man well early on. He joined the U.S. Army and became a member of the 24th Infantry Regiment, better known as the **Buffalo Soldiers**. **Morton-Finney** fought twice, first in the Philippines and once more in World War I.

Honorably discharged after his first tour, **Morton-Finney** earned the first of his degrees from **Lincoln College** in Missouri. When the great war began, he donned the uniform once more and fought for the American Expeditionary Force in France. **Morton-Finney** was teaching at a one-room schoolhouse at that time, and he returned to the States and earned several degrees in math, French, and history. **Morton-Finney** taught languages at **Fisk University** in Tennessee and at **Lincoln University** in Missouri, before moving to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he taught in the Indianapolis Public Schools for 47 years.

**Morton-Finney** met and fell in love with **Lincoln College** teacher Pauline Ray after taking her class. The pair wed in 1922 and relocated to Indianapolis, where **Morton-Finney** taught at the all-Black Crispus Attucks High School. **Morton-Finney** was head of the school's foreign language departments and was responsible for encouraging several children to pursue higher education.

While teaching at Crispus Attucks in 1935, **Morton-Finney** earned the first of four law degrees. He was also a voracious reader, often reading three or four titles at a time, according to accounts. In an interview on his 100th birthday, he said that he believed that there was no end to learning. At 75, **Morton-Finney** earned the last of his several degrees from Butler University. **He practiced law until he was 107 years old.**



**Name:** [Lincoln University of Pennsylvania](#)

**Location:** Lincoln University,  
Pennsylvania

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

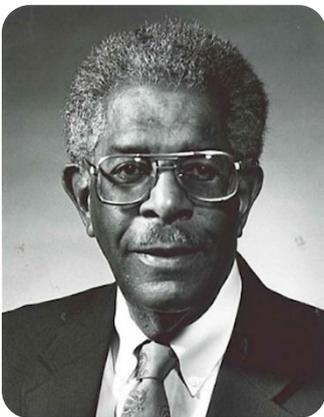
**Net Price:** \$16,967\*

**Lincoln University in Lincoln, Pennsylvania** was originally established as **The Ashmun Institute**, but was later renamed after President Abraham Lincoln when it received its charter and changed its name in 1854 to **Lincoln University**. **Lincoln's** 1854 debut makes it **the nation's first degree granting HBCU**.

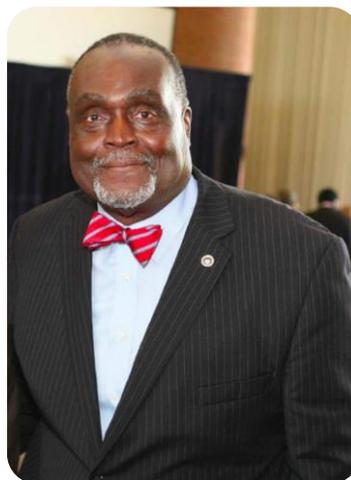
**Lincoln University** provides a first-rate education to its 2,000+ student body by:

- Providing a rigorous liberal arts education featuring active and collaborative learning;
- Integrating academic and co-curricular programs with the University's distinctive legacy of global engagement, social responsibility and leadership development; and
- Cultivating the character, values and standards of excellence needed to enable students to become responsible citizens of a global community.

An HBCU is the best place in the world to ... experience ... **#BlackLife #BlackExcellence #BlackLove #BlackPower #BlackJoy**, all wrapped up in one and **Lincoln University** is no exception, with its focus on academics enhanced by the wide array of student life activities it offers. **Lincoln University** is a great place to live, learn and grow.



**Charles E. Anderson**  
First African American  
to earn a Ph.D. in  
Meteorology



**James A. Donaldson**  
A longtime **Howard University** mathematics professor and Dean, who established the first **Mathematics PhD program at a HBCU**



**Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila**  
First female Prime Minister of  
Namibia



## Langston Hughes

**James Mercer Langston Hughes** was born February 1, 1902 in Joplin, Missouri. Hughes, an American writer critical to the *Harlem Renaissance*, portrayed the African American experience in the subject of his writings. While it was long believed that **Hughes** was born in 1902, new research released in 2018 indicated that he might have been born the previous year. His parents separated soon after his birth, and he was raised by his mother and grandmother. After his grandmother's death, he and his mother moved to half a dozen cities before reaching Cleveland, where they settled. He wrote the poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" the summer after his graduation from high school in Cleveland; it was published in *The Crisis* in 1921 and brought him considerable attention.

While working as a busboy in a hotel in Washington, D.C., in late 1925, **Hughes** put three of his own poems beside the plate of Vachel Lindsay in the dining room. The next day, newspapers around the country reported that Lindsay, among the most popular white poets of the day, had "discovered" an African American busboy poet, which earned **Hughes** broader notice. **Hughes** received a scholarship to, and began attending, **Lincoln University in Pennsylvania** in early 1926.

By the time **Hughes** received his degree in 1929, he had helped launch the influential magazine "*Fire!!*" in 1926, and he had also published a second collection of poetry, *Fine Clothes to the Jew* (1927), which was criticized by some for its title and for its frankness, though **Hughes** himself felt that it represented another step forward in his writing. A few months after **Hughes's** graduation, *Not Without Laughter* (1930), his first prose volume, had a cordial reception.

He also wrote poetry until his death; *The Panther and the Lash*, published posthumously in 1967, reflected and engaged with the **Black Power Movement** and, specifically, the **Black Panther Party**, which was founded the previous year.



**Thurgood Marshall**

**Thurgood Marshall**, originally **Thoroughgood Marshall**, was a lawyer, civil rights activist, and associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1967–91); the Court's first African American member. As an attorney, he successfully argued before the Court the case of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954), which declared unconstitutional racial segregation in American public schools.

**Marshall** was the son of William Canfield Marshall, a railroad porter and a steward at an all-white country club, and Norma Williams Marshall, an elementary school teacher. He graduated with honors from **Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)** in 1930. After being rejected by the University of Maryland Law School because he was not white, **Marshall attended Howard University Law School**. He received his degree in 1933, ranking first in his class. At **Howard University**, he was the protégé of Charles Hamilton Houston, who encouraged Marshall and other law students to view the law as a vehicle for social change.

Upon his graduation from **Howard University**, **Marshall** began the private practice of law in Baltimore. Among his first legal victories was *Murray v. Pearson* (1935), a suit accusing the University of Maryland of violating the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of equal protection of the laws by denying an African American applicant admission to its law school solely on the basis of race. In 1936, **Marshall** became a staff lawyer under Houston for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); in 1938, he became the lead chair in the legal office of the NAACP, and two years later he was named chief of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Throughout the 1940s and '50s, **Marshall** distinguished himself as one of the country's top lawyers, winning 29 of the 32 cases that he argued before the Supreme Court. Without a doubt, however, it was **Marshall's** victory before the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* that established his reputation as a formidable and creative legal opponent and an advocate of social change. Indeed, students of constitutional law still examine the oral arguments of the case and the ultimate decision of the Court from both a legal and a political perspective; legally, **Marshall** argued that segregation in public education produced unequal schools for African Americans and whites (a key element in the strategy to have the Court overrule the "separate but equal" doctrine established in *Plessy v. Ferguson* [1896]), but it was **Marshall's** reliance on psychological, sociological, and historical data that presumably sensitized the Court to the deleterious effects of institutionalized segregation on the self-image, social worth, and social progress of African American children.



## LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

**Name:** [Livingstone College](#)

**Location:** Salisbury, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized Suburb

**Net Price:** \$17,711\*

**Livingstone College** was founded as Zion Wesley Institute by a group of A.M.E. Zion ministers for the purpose of training ministers in the Cabarrus County town of Concord, North Carolina in 1879. Livingstone College is a private HBCU that is secured by a strong commitment to quality instruction, academic excellence, and student success.

Through a Christian based environment suitable for holistic learning, **Livingstone** provides excellent business, liberal arts, STEM, teacher education, and workforce development programs for students from all ethnic backgrounds designed to promote lifelong learning and to develop student potential for leadership and service to a global community. The College's 23 majors provide broad exposure to diverse thought and deep exploration within your fields of interest.

**Watch the video below to learn more about student life!**

### Notable Alumni:

- **James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey:** Preacher, Pan-African thinker and educator
- **Solomon Carter Fuller:** Psychiatrist who made significant contributions to the study of Alzheimer's disease
- **James Benson Dudley:** President of **North Carolina A & T State University**
- **William J. Trent:** Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund

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**Name:** [Meharry Medical College](#)

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** NA

**Meharry Medical College** is an HBCU medical school affiliated with the United Methodist Church and located in Nashville, Tennessee. Founded in 1876 as the Medical Department of Central Tennessee College, it was the first medical school for African Americans in the South. Currently, the school has an enrollment of over 800 students and has become the largest private HBCU in the United States solely dedicated to educating health care professionals and scientists of color.

**Meharry Medical College** offers a wide array of degrees from its School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Allied Health Professions, and the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

**Meharry** is the second-largest educator of African American medical doctors and dentists in the United States and has the highest percentage of African Americans graduating with Ph.Ds. in the biomedical sciences in the country. Meharry boasts an alumni base who've done great things for medicine, science, and equality and equity in healthcare for the African American community.



**Dr. Robert Agee** is a board-certified family practice physician who is fellowship trained in sports medicine. **Dr. Agee** earned his bachelor's degree from **Morehouse College** and went on to complete his medical degree at **Meharry Medical College**. He finished his family practice residency at UCSF Fresno and his sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, AL. During his career, **Dr. Agee** has served in clinical leadership roles as Chief of Primary Care / Sports Medicine, Medical Director, and Fellowship Director. **Dr. Agee** has more than 10 years of experience caring for elite athletes from the NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL and the NFL European League. Under the leadership of Birmingham, AL Mayor-and **Morehouse College** graduate-**Randall Woodfin**, **Dr. Agee** has also been the past Medical Director for the legendary sports stadium, Legion Field. [Click here to learn more!](#)



**Third-year medical student Mekdes “Duni” Getaneh is a founding member of a national organization helping to bring comfort and healing to people with Alzheimer’s.** Getaneh is a board member of Alzheimer’s Buddies, a national organization that pairs college students with people living in nursing homes who have been diagnosed with dementia for weekly one-on-one visits. She is using her platform to bring awareness to the unique challenges African Americans with dementia face. Studies show improvements in the health of patients who have regular contact with people whom they make a connection with. To account for this, **Getaneh** wants to recruit more African American students to take part in the program and hopes to inspire a new generation of caregivers and clinicians.

“I would like to have students of color doing more visits,” **Getaneh** said. “If someone who looks like you visits you, it then makes a difference in lowering the social isolation and disengagement that often comes along with the diagnosis of AD.” Alzheimer’s Buddies was founded at Harvard College and today has 14 undergraduate chapters, including an undergraduate chapter at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. **Getaneh** said her hope is to expand the effort to HBCUs such as **Fisk University** and **Tennessee State University**. She would also like for graduate students at health science centers like Meharry to form Alzheimer’s Buddies chapters.

With 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease, battling profound isolation and social disengagement, Alzheimer’s Buddies seeks to alleviate the often-overlooked emotional and social challenges that stem from Alzheimer’s by building friendships between college students and Alzheimer’s residents. In addition to weekly visits, volunteers with Alzheimer’s Buddies write letters to the families of their buddies, highlighting the positive aspects of their weekly visits, suggesting activities families can do together, and helping reconnect family members with their loved ones. Nursing home residents participating in the program are reported to show a decrease in depression and increased participation in social activities outside of Alzheimer’s Buddies visits.

**Getaneh** first became involved in the organization when she was referred to Alzheimer’s Buddies after volunteering for another program as an undergraduate student at Gordon College. **Getaneh** was assigned to spend time with a woman with Parkinson’s. Word of her connection with the Parkinson’s patient made it to students at Harvard College who invited **Getaneh** to join them in launching Alzheimer’s Buddies.

“Her life was so transformed and all we did was try on dresses or read a newspaper or watch Netflix,” **Getaneh** said of her experience with the patient with Parkinson’s. “I learned that I can make all of the difference.” **Getaneh** continued to foster her interest in helping dementia patients through her international research. She studied approximately 25,000 people enrolled in a project in the UK to try to understand if depression and anxiety play a role in accelerating cognitive decline in older adults. [Click here for more!](#)



**Name:** [Miles College](#)

**Location:** Fairfield, Alabama

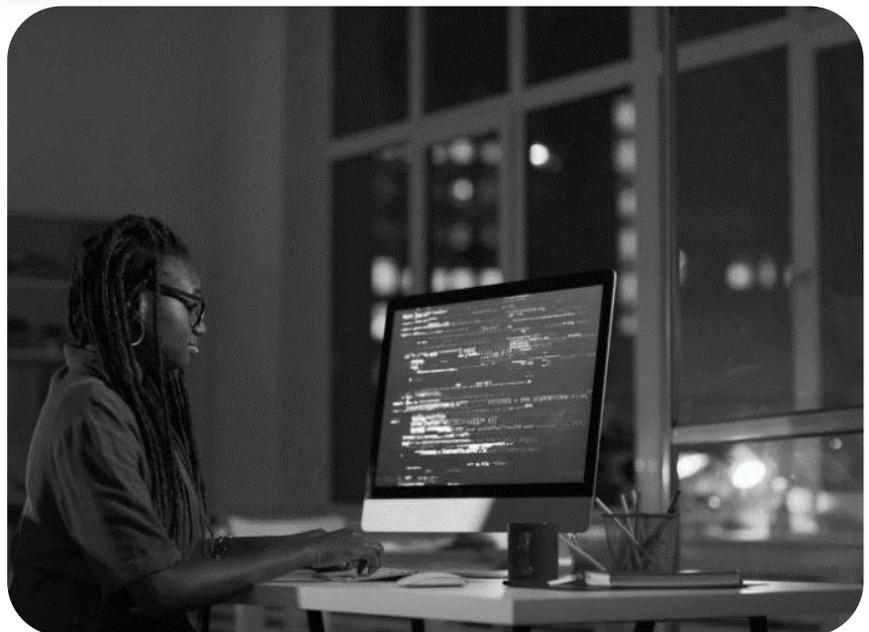
**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

**Net Price:** \$14,084\*

**Miles College**, founded in 1898, is a premier liberal arts institution located just outside metropolitan Birmingham, AL within the corporate limits of the City of Fairfield. The College is one of only 39 HBCUs to have the designation of a United Negro College Fund (UNCF) institution. **Miles College** is branded for its civic engagement and activism. The Civil Rights Movement, in-part came to Birmingham Alabama, because of the activism of students at **Miles College**, helping to make Birmingham, Alabama the civil rights capital of the world.

**Miles College** is a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) higher learning institution. **Miles College** is an institution of academic excellence whose students, graduates, and faculty exhibit exemplary scholarship and service to the community. The College serves increasingly diverse students and gains recognition for global partnerships that assure cultural awareness. Student and faculty involvement in international studies and global intelligence will preface the College emerging as a magnet for regional discourse in public policy and global awareness.



**Miles College** has announced a partnership with **Propel Center**, a new global campus headquartered in Atlanta that will support innovative learning and development for **HBCUs** nationwide. **Miles** will collaborate with Propel Center and the entire **HBCU Community** to bring leadership and career development programming to its students.

**The Propel Center** is designed to connect HBCU students to technology curriculum, cultural thought leaders, entrepreneurship skills development, and accelerator programs, with a focus on social justice and equity. The first-of-its-kind initiative will serve as a hub for all **HBCUs**, and is designed to connect students and faculty from across the community and provide them with the knowledge, skills, tools and resources necessary to **transform** our nation's **talent pipeline** and **workforce**.

Curriculum options will include **AI** and **Machine Learning**, Agricultural Technologies, **Social Justice**, Entertainment Arts, App Development, **Augmented Reality**, Design and Creativity, Career Preparation, and **Entrepreneurship** tracks. [Click Here for More!](#)



**Mississippi Valley State University**, a Carnegie Classified Master's University, provides comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programs in education, the arts and sciences, and professional studies. The University is driven by its commitment to excellence in teaching, learning, service, and research--a commitment resulting in a learner-centered environment that prepares critical thinkers, exceptional communicators, and service-oriented, engaged, and productive citizens. **MVSU** is fundamentally committed to positively impacting the quality of life and creating extraordinary educational opportunities for the Mississippi Delta and beyond.

**Name:** [Mississippi Valley State University](#)

**Location:** Itta Bena, Mississippi

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$12,024\*

At **"The Valley"**, the importance of a healthy enriching life outside the classroom is emphasized. Professional counselors assist students with clarifying interests, aptitude skills, values and experiences. **MVSU** prepares students for a successful life after college. U.S. News & World Report named **MVSU** as one of America's best in the southern region. With innovative technology, **MVSU** is "One of the Best." **Valley** students graduate prepared for the working world by participating in graduate programs and other opportunities.



**Jerry Rice** is a sporting legend who revived the face of football with his outstanding talent and playing gimmicks. Rice was born October 13, 1962 in Starkville, Mississippi. Rice attended **Mississippi Valley State University** and became a member of **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.** **Jerry Rice** was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1985, and after an initially sluggish start, he became one of the cornerstones of the SF 49ers team and played in several winning Super Bowl's, pairing brilliantly with legendary San Francisco 49er quarterback's Joe Montana and **Steve Young**. After fifteen years with the San Francisco 49ers, **Rice** was traded to the Oakland Raiders, and even at 39 years of age he was still capable of setting records and out running opposition players. The finest wide receiver in the history of NFL football, bar none. The incredibly athletic **Rice** has scored the most touchdowns in NFL history, plus he holds virtually every career record for receptions, yards receiving, all-purpose yards, touchdown receptions and yards from scrimmage, and most consecutive games with at least one catch! A former American football wide receiver, he played a total of 20 seasons in his active playing time and went on to *become the greatest wide receiver in NFL history*. Nicknamed **"The G.O.A.T.,"** he is an all-time NFL leader in receptions, touchdown receptions, and yards. His career record stands at 1,549 receptions for 22,895 yards with 197 touchdown receptions and 208 total receptions. **Rice** finished his career with 1295 points, *which makes him the highest scoring non-kicker in NFL history*.

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**Name:** [Morehouse College](#)

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$28,307\*



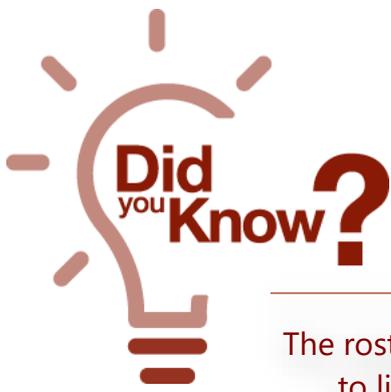
For over 150 years, **Morehouse College** has prepared young men to change the world through ethical leadership, driven by compassion, civility, and integrity. **Morehouse College** has been producing extraordinary leaders, visionaries and pillars of the community since its humble beginnings in a church basement in 1867. It has established a legacy of excellence that continues to strengthen with each passing year. Famous graduates like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Spike Lee are joined by five Rhodes scholars as well as congressmen, business titans, college presidents, and many more who proudly represent the **Morehouse** ideals.

There is a world of universities and professions to choose from. Today, Black men have access to them all. But since 1867, many of the best and brightest choose **Morehouse**. In this close-knit culture, professors do more than teach—they mentor, nurture, and encourage. They offer wise guidance and experienced perspectives, challenging the Morehouse Man to question their assumptions and elevate their ambitions. **Morehouse** doesn't push a **Morehouse** Man in the right direction—the College shows him how to discover this for himself, how to find his true path. And own it. The 66-acre campus southwest of downtown Atlanta is home to more than 2,200 students preparing to make their mark on the world. **Morehouse** students strive for more than typical successes. They seek to continuously improve themselves and their communities.



In celebration of 2021 Black History Month, **Morehouse College** hosted two screenings of [Judas and the Black Messiah](#) and the [Beyond Film virtual panel discussion](#) as part of Sundance Film Festival 2021 in partnership with the Atlanta Film Society.

By partnering with the Atlanta Film Society and The Plaza Theatre, Sundance brought 12 films to Atlanta. The Beyond Film conversation gave **Morehouse College** an opportunity to highlight excellence within the film community and feature Morehouse faculty. Panelists included [Joe Carlos](#), [David Wall Rice](#), [Kors Vandiver](#) and [Avery O Williams](#). Viewers were reminded of how much society is still struggling with questions of race and systemic racism. After screening, the film pushed viewers to explore the history of the Civil Rights Movement and the Black Panther Party. [Click here for More!](#)



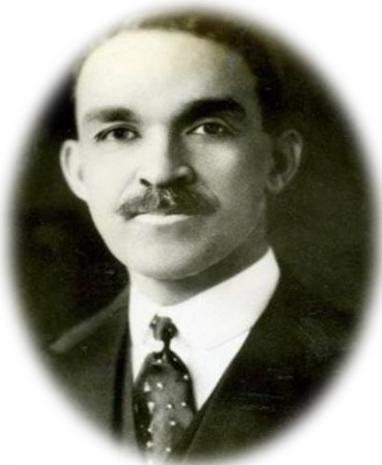
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The roster of distinguished and notable **Morehouse Alumni** is too extensive to list all the names who include **John David Washington**, Roderic I. Pettigrew, **Raphael Warnock**, Claude Black Jr., **Randall Woodfin**, Bakari Sellers, **Louis W. Sullivan**, David Satcher, **Vincent Tubbs**, Brian Tyree Henry, **Rockmond Dunbar**, Fonzworth Bentley, **Samuel L. Jackson**, James Nabrit, Jr., and **John Hopps, Jr.** Take a look at the **GREATNESS** that **Morehouse College** produced on this page and check to see if you recognize anyone!

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## Morehouse College Alumni





**Name:** [Morehouse School of Medicine](#)

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** NA

**Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)**, located in Atlanta, Ga., was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at **Morehouse** College. In 1981, **MSM** became an independently chartered institution. **MSM** is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for its social mission. Its faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research and public policy.

**MSM** awards Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS), Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS), Master of Science in Biomedical Research (MSBR), Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSCR), Master of Science in Biomedical Technology (MSBT), and Master of Science in Neuroscience (MSNS) degrees.

**MSM** is home to world-renowned centers and institutes: The Cardiovascular Research Institute; The Center of Excellence on Health Disparities; The National Center for Primary Care; The Neuroscience Institute (NI); Prevention Research Center (PRC); Research Core Facility and The Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI). MSM's research stature and reputation have grown exponentially over the last decade, fueled in large part by significant investments in the School's research infrastructure with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Georgia Cancer Coalition and others.

**WATCH THIS VIDEO!**





**Name:** [Morgan State University](#)

**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$15,998\*

**Morgan State University**, founded in 1867, is a Carnegie-classified doctoral research institution providing instruction to a multiethnic, multiracial, multinational student body and offering more than 125 academic programs leading to degrees from baccalaureate to the doctorate. As Maryland's Preeminent Public Urban Research University, Morgan fulfills its mission to address the needs and challenges of the modern urban environment through intense community-level study and pioneering solutions.

**Morgan State University** serves the community, region, state, nation, and world as an intellectual and creative resource by supporting, empowering and preparing high-quality, diverse graduates to lead the world. The University offers innovative, inclusive, and distinctive educational experiences to a broad cross section of the population in a comprehensive range of disciplines at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional degree levels. Through collaborative pursuits, scholarly research, creative endeavors, and dedicated public service, the University gives significant priority to addressing societal problems, particularly those prevalent in urban communities.

**NEWS  
FLASH**



**College dropout donates \$20 million to the HBCU he couldn't afford 60 years ago!** The money will be used for scholarships for students in need of financial aid. Nearly 60 years ago, **Calvin Tyler** was forced to drop out of college in his hometown of Baltimore because he couldn't afford tuition. *Now he and his wife, Tina, have pledged \$20 million to endow scholarships for students needing financial aid at Morgan State University.* It's the largest-ever private donation from an alumnus to the HBCU. But Tyler never lost sight of his humble beginnings. In 2002, he and his wife established **the Calvin and Tina Tyler Endowed Scholarship Fund** at **Morgan State University** to provide full-tuition scholarships for select need-based students in Baltimore. In 2016, the couple pledged \$5 million to the fund, which at the time was the largest such gift in **Morgan State University's** history. With students and their families facing financial hardship amid the coronavirus pandemic, the *Tylers were compelled to increase their endowment commitment by \$15 million* and expand the scholarship eligibility to students from anywhere in the United States. The Calvin and Tina Tyler Endowed Scholarship Fund has already supported 222 students at **Morgan State University** via 46 full-tuition and 176 partial scholarships. Students must meet certain financial criteria and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, according to the school. [Click here for more!](#)



## HBCU Grads Found Vegan Burger Company to Educate the Black Community!

**Morgan State University** graduate **Duane Myko**, **Bowie State University** alumna **Danita Jones** and **Chef Jumoke Jackson** recently launched *Everything Legendary*, a vegan burger business.

According to Because of Them We Can (BOTWC), co-founder **Myko** was inspired to create “a flavorful alternative to meat products” after his mother’s strict vegan diet helped her battle lupus for over 35 years. In 2019, he and his business partners put their money where their mouth is. “Our goal is to educate the community on the benefits of a healthy vegan lifestyle,” **Myko** said.

The healthy burger company, which pivoted to nationwide delivery due to the pandemic, offers soy-free and gluten-free burgers in four flavors: classic burger, pepper jack, cayenne pepper, and cheddar. They also sell a signature sauce. Not only is *Legendary* serving customers right at their door; they’re also giving back to their old stomping grounds—**HBCUs**.

Last week, *Legendary* launched its new **HBCU** and **Greek Lifestyle Boxes**, which include a variety of burger packs plus their sauce! [Click Here for More!](#)



**Morris College** was founded in 1908 by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina to provide educational opportunities for black students in response to the historical denial of access to the existing educational system. Morris College is a premier liberal art and career-focused institution in Sumter, South Carolina. Since 1908, **Morris College** has been an exciting modern campus for students to learn and develop professionally and personally. **Morris** has a variety of majors, minors and special programs that prepare students for successful careers in society.

**Name:** [Morris College](#)

**Location:** Sumter, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$15,822\*

Since its establishment, **Morris College** has produced many leaders, innovators and groundbreaking legends. The HBCU provides students the chance to interface with other accomplished, determined and well-rounded leaders in their communities, state and nation. **Morris College** has a rolling admissions policy, which means the school does not have a specific deadline by which students must apply. The College recommends students apply as early as possible.

**WATCH THIS VIDEO!**



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**Name:** [Norfolk State University](#)

**Location:** Norfolk, Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$12,645 \*

**Norfolk State College** was founded September 18, 1935. The College, brought to life in the midst of the Great Depression, provided a setting in which the youth of the region could give expression to their hopes and aspirations. Today, **Norfolk State University** is a comprehensive urban public institution committed to transforming students' lives through exemplary teaching, research and service. Offering a supportive academic and culturally diverse environment for all, the University empowers its students to turn their aspirations into reality and achieve their full potential as well-rounded and resourceful citizens and leaders for the 21st century.

**Norfolk State University** is recognized nationally as a premier public institution with outstanding signature academic programs, innovative research and community engagement opportunities. As an HBCU for the Modern World, Norfolk State is grounded by its heritage, focused on the future and deeply committed to student success. While maintaining a student-centered approach to higher education, **NSU** strives to distinguish itself as a leader in creative innovation by providing outstanding academic programs, services, and outreach to reflect the educational needs and demographics of the Hampton Roads region and prospective areas.



**Norfolk State University** is so very proud of Maia Chaka for the history she made today by becoming the **First Black Female** referee in the National Football League.

**Maia Chaka** is a trailblazer, proudly representing **NSU**, **Black women**, and **HBCUs**. **Chaka**, who is originally from Rochester, New York, has a story that should be one of inspiration for the entire Spartan community and for all women seeking careers in the sports entertainment industry. Chaka was a child when she fell in love with football. As a child, she loved to go outside and toss a football around with her younger brother. This eventually led to her playing football with the boys in her neighborhood and grew to a full-fledged passion for the game in her teens. But when Chaka couldn't find a tackle football team in high school that would accept girls, she switched to other sports. It wasn't until her college years at **Norfolk State University** that she rediscovered her love for the game in a new way: *officiating*. Armed with a bachelor's in Education, Chaka took a major leap and started two careers at once: a physical education teacher and a football referee. It did more than just pay off. In February 2021, Chaka became the NFL's newest official, making her the **First Black Woman Ever** named to the NFL's officiating staff. [Click here to read more!](#)

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**Name:** [North Carolina A & T State University](#)

**Location:** Greensboro, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$9,097\*

Founded on March 9, 1891, **North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (NC A & T)** continues to believe in the power of their students to change the world. Today's 12,556 Aggies are some of the most high-achieving students ever to attend **A&T**. Ranked No. 1 among public HBCU's (Source: U.S. News & World Reports) and the #1 producer of degrees awarded to African Americans in North Carolina, the school is nationally recognized for excellence in science, technology, mathematics and engineering (STEM) education.

The school boasts **4 New Centers of Excellence:**

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Cybersecurity Research, Education, and Outreach (CREO) Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- The N.C. Transportation Center of Excellence in Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Technology



**Terrance Jenkins** is an American actor, model, host, producer, DJ, and philanthropist. He is one of Hollywood's most skilled multi-hyphenates. He is best known as the host of BET'S popular music video countdown show 106 & Park. **Terrence** attended Northern Nash High in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. During this time, Jenkins worked at WRSV Soul 92.1 as a Radio DJ until he graduated from high school. He graduated from **North Carolina A&T State University** in Greensboro in 2004 with a degree in Mass Communications. During his time at **North Carolina A & T State University**, he served as Student Government Association President and as a DJ for **North Carolina A&T's** radio station WNAA. He also worked as a DJ at local radio station 102 Jamz in Greensboro, N.C. Jenkins is a member of **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** where he was initiated in **Spring 2004** to the **Mu Psi Chapter** at **North Carolina A&T State University**.

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**Name:** [North Carolina Central University](#)

**Location:** Durham, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Dr. James E. Shepard** founded the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race, Inc., on July 5, 1910. Today, **North Carolina Central University** remains committed to diversity in and access to higher education. **NCCU** prepares students to succeed in the global marketplace. Consistently ranked as a top **HBCU** and Best Regional University in the South by U.S. News & World Report, **NCCU** offers flagship programs in the sciences, education, law, business, nursing and the arts.

**NCCU** carries a storied history and a promising future built on 110 years of innovation and excellence. With defined plans for the future, the University strides toward its goals. Identified as a Community Engaged Institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the **NC Central** community lives by the institution's motto of "Truth and Service." For the 2019–2020 academic year, students contributed more than 181,950 hours of public service, the equivalent of \$4.6 million dollars returned to the surrounding Triangle region economy.



**André Leon Talley** was raised by his grandmother, Binnie Francis Davis, who worked as a cleaning lady at Duke University, in Durham, North Carolina. His love for fashion was cultivated at an early age by his grandmother and propelled by his discovery of Vogue magazine at a local library. **Talley** was educated at Hillside High School, graduating in 1966, and **North Carolina Central University**, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French Literature in 1970. He won a scholarship to Brown University, where he earned a Master of Arts degree in French Literature in 1972. At Brown, he wrote a thesis on "*The Influence of Black Women on Charles Baudelaire*" and initially planned to teach French. In 1975, **André** became an assistant at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he met Diana Vreeland. Subsequently, she became his mentor and a good friend. The same year, she introduced **André Leon Talley** to Andy Warhol for a position as a secretary at Warhol's Interview magazine for \$50 per week. After some time, Andy Warhol offered **André Leon Talley** an opportunity to write articles for the same magazine. As a writer, **André** made acquaintances with Karl Lagerfeld, Jacqueline Kennedy, and her younger sister Caroline Lee Radziwill. He also worked for **The New York Times** and other publications before finally landing at **Vogue**, where he worked as the Fashion News Director from 1983 to 1987 and then as Creative Director from 1988 to 1995. **Talley pushed top designers to have more African-American models in their shows.** Currently, Talley has been a front-row regular at fashion shows in New York, Paris, London and Milan **for more than 25 years.**



**Name:** [Oakwood University](#)

**Location:** Huntsville, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$23,398 \*

**Oakwood College** is a private, four-year, liberal arts HBCU located in Huntsville, Alabama. Sitting on 1,185 acres, **Oakwood University** is one of the historical landmarks of Huntsville. It is the only HBCU sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventists. **Oakwood College** first opened in 1896 under the name **Oakwood Industrial School**. The name was again changed when it became a senior college in 1943, to Oakwood College. The school made a final name change in 2008 to **Oakwood University**.

For years, **Oakwood University** has consistently been ranked by the U.S. News & World Report as one of the best regional colleges and universities to attend. **Oakwood** students receive an education that is further augmented by strategic partnerships that have produced internships and other opportunities with numerous leading corporations, nationwide. The passionate faculty not only make learning a rewarding experience but also maintain supportive relationships for years after students have graduated. Experience an academic learning environment that is unlike any you could have imagined.



**David Adedeji Adeleke** was born on November 21, 1992. Today, he is known as **Davido**, an American-born Nigerian recording artist, record producer, and performer. His music is not only popular in the USA, but in his motherland Nigeria as well. **Adeleke** studied Business Administration at **Oakwood University** before pursuing his music career. **Davido** rose to fame after releasing "*Dami Duro*", the second single from his debut studio album *Omo Baba Olowo* (2012). In January 2016, **Davido** signed a record deal with **Sony Music** and a few months later founded the record label *Davido Music Worldwide (DMW)*. In July 2016, **Davido** signed a record deal with **Sony's RCA Records**. In October 2016, he released the 5-track EP *Son of Mercy*, which was supported by the singles "*Gbagbe Oshi*," "*How Long*" and "*Coolest Kid in Africa*." In April 2017, **Davido** re-negotiated his contract with Sony due to creative control issues and later that year he released five singles including "*If*" and "*Fall*." "*If*" generated worldwide social media activity while "*Fall*" became the longest-charting Nigerian pop song in **Billboard history**. **Davido** released his second studio album *A Good Time* in November 2019 and was cited as one of the **Top 100 most influential Africans** by *New African* magazine in 2019. **Davido** released his third studio album *A Better Time*, in 2020. In February 2021, **Time Magazine named him on their Time100 Next list!** In more recent news, **Davido** is currently making music with national-recording artist Drake!

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**Name:** [Paine College](#)

**Location:** Augusta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized  
City

**Paine College** is a private institution steeped in the tenets of Methodism. **Paine** was the brainchild of Bishop Lucius Henry Holsey, who first expressed the idea for the College in 1869. Bishop Holsey asked leaders in the ME Church South to help establish a school. Today, the College emphasizes academic excellence, ethical and spiritual values, social responsibility, and personal development to prepare spiritually-centered men and women for positions of leadership and service.

**Paine College** is located in the heart of Augusta, Georgia. Its mission is to provide the highest quality liberal arts education. **Paine College** aims to produce an enriched environment where students can create a path to success in their chosen profession. Seventy percent of its students have the opportunity to pursue internships, engage in global experiences, and conduct meaningful research in their respective fields of study. Upon graduating, Paine students are prepared for enhanced opportunities in employment, graduate education and global mobility.



**John Wesley Gilbert** was an educator, a missionary, the **first African American archaeologist** and the first graduate of **Paine College**. Gilbert was born free on July 6, 1863 in Hephzibah, Georgia, to Gabriel and Sarah, farm hands born into slavery. In his youth, Gilbert attended the local public schools while working as a farm hand. He first enrolled into Augusta Institute in 1878 and remained there for two years, before he began teaching at Ware High School, Richmond, Georgia, in 1880. He remained there until 1883. Gilbert then enrolled at the new Paine College in Augusta, becoming the institution's first student. He attended from 1884 to 1886 and studied Greek and other foreign languages. He then transferred to the junior class of Brown University, in Rhode Island. Later in 1888 Gilbert moved back to Georgia and began to court Osceola K. Pleasant, a teacher and graduate of **Paine College** and **Fisk University**. While attending Brown University, Gilbert received a scholarship to attend the American School of Classics, in Athens, Greece. He traveled there to begin his studies in 1890. He was *the first African American* to attend the school and participated in archaeological fieldwork during his year of attendance. During one of those excavations, *Gilbert found walls, gates, and pillars that led to the discovery of the ancient Greek city of Eretria*. Due to his discoveries, he created the first map of the area. When Gilbert returned to Brown in 1891, he focused his studies on archaeology, and became *the first African American to receive an advanced degree from the institution, earning his master's degree in Archaeology in 1891*. Professor Gilbert returned to Augusta and began teaching Greek, Latin, English, French, German, and Hebrew at **Paine College** in the fall of 1891. *He was the first African American instructor at the school*. In **1913**, Dr. Gilbert was appointed **President of Miles College** in Fairfield, Alabama. He remained in that position for one year, before he returned to teaching Greek, Hebrew, and New Testament literature, and to serve as the Dean of the Divinity School at **Paine College**, a position he held until his retirement in 1920.



**Name:** [Paul Quinn College](#)

**Location:** Dallas, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$13,951\*

**Paul Quinn College**, one of the most innovative small colleges in America, is a private, faith-based, four-year, liberal arts-inspired college that was founded on April 4, 1872 by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers in Austin, Texas. Using the model established by **Tuskegee Institute**, classes were held in a modest one-building trade school.

Today, **Paul Quinn** has become a model for urban higher education by focusing on academic rigor, experiential learning, and entrepreneurship. As one of few HBCUs that boasts **a fully functional community farm** on its campus through a groundbreaking **partnership with PepsiCo** to convert an unused football stadium into a fully operational urban farm, **Paul Quinn's** students are invested and encouraged to take part in peaceful social activism.

Beginning in the Fall of 2015, **Paul Quinn College** adopted a new student financial structure called the "New Urban College Model" which, among other characteristics, reduced student tuition and fees and provides students with the ability to **graduate with less than \$10,000 of student loan debt**. There are currently eight work colleges in the nation. Paul Quinn is the ninth federally funded work college in the United States, **the first Minority Serving Institution ("MSI") in the Work College Consortium**, and the first work college in Texas.

Check this out!



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**Name:** [Philander Smith College](#)

**Location:** Little Rock, Arkansas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$13,783\*

Founded in 1877, **Philander Smith College** is the result of the first attempt west of the Mississippi River to make education available to freedmen (former African American slaves). The forerunner of the college was Walden Seminary, named in honor of Dr. J.M. Walden, one of the originators and the first corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

**Philander Smith College's** mission is to strengthen and maintain enthusiasm for academic rigor and excellence, to inspire and educate the next generation of leaders and to share a desire to do things that will positively impact the community, state, nation and world. **PSC** produces quality talent to help drive local and state economic engines. **PSC** students are resolute innovators in their fields who are prepared for the 21st century global economy. Students are committed to continue making a difference in every single life in its sphere of influence.



**Deon Cole** is an American stand-up comedian, actor, and comedy writer, best known for his stint on the shows of comedian **Conan O'Brien** and in the international smash-hit series **Black-ish**. Born in the Roseland neighborhood of Chicago, **Cole** graduated from Thornridge High School and progressed on to **Philander Smith College**. **Cole** started in comedy when a friend bet him \$50 that he would not get up on stage one night in Chicago. Since his humble beginnings, Cole has progressed into a Comedic Rockstar! He wrote for Conan's shows *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien* (from 2009 to 2010) and *Conan* (from 2010 to 2012). In February 2010, **Cole** performed on "*Comic Aide Haiti*", a comedy performance that benefited victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake. Cole has performed stand up on other programs such as *John Oliver's New York Stand-Up Show*, *Mash Up* and *Lopez Tonight*. **Deon Cole** made a breakthrough with his role as *Charlie Telfy* in the **ABC sitcom Black-ish** and won multiple awards for his role. He has also appeared on the shows *Angie Tribeca* and **Grown-ish**. In 2019, he was featured in the Netflix special *Deon Cole: Cole Hearted*. He has been seen in films such as the *Barbershop series* and *Holiday Rush*. In 2020, he released a video titled *40 Minutes of Deon Cole "Workin' It Out"* on YouTube, which contained clippings of his practice sessions for his 2020 comedy.

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**Dr. Joycelyn Elders**

Medical doctor and professor **Dr. Joycelyn Elders** was born on August 14, 1933 in Schaal, Arkansas to Curtis Jones and Haller Reed Jones. **Elders** was the first of eight children in a family of sharecroppers. **Elders** attended Howard County Training School in Tollette, Arkansas in 1942. She earned a four-year scholarship to attend **Philander Smith College** in Little Rock, Arkansas where she received her B.S. degree in biology and where she also pledged **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** In 1960, **Elders** earned her M.D. degree and her M.S. degree in biochemistry in 1967 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1978, **Elders** earned her certification as a pediatric endocrinologist.

After she earned her M.D. degree, **Elders** began a pediatric internship at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, Minnesota. She became the chief resident at the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1963. **Elders** was hired as an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas in 1971 and was promoted to the position of professor in 1976. In 1987, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton appointed **Elders** as director of the Arkansas Department of Health. She then became the 15th Surgeon General of the United States under President Clinton in January 1993. Bill Clinton appointed her as the **United States Surgeon General**, making her **the first African American** and the second woman to hold the position. As **Surgeon General**, **Elders** focused on women's reproductive health care and promoted sex, alcohol, drug, and tobacco education in public schools. She resigned from that position in 1994 and returned to the University of Arkansas, where she worked as a professor of pediatric endocrinology. In 2002, **Elders** retired from the University of Arkansas Medical Center. In 2016, the **Jocelyn Elders Clinic** was established in Kisinga, Uganda. The clinic served students at Garama Humanist Secondary School and promoted sex education and treated students that suffered from diseases such as malaria.

During her career, **Elders** published over one hundred academic papers that related to insulin resistance and other endocrine disorders. In 1997, she published her memoir, *From Sharecroppers' Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America*. **Elders** was the recipient of the *Woman of Distinction Award* from Worthen Bank in 1987, the *Arkansas Democrat Woman of the Year* from Statewide Newspaper in 1998, and the *Candace Award* from the *National Coalition of 100 Black Women* in 1991. She was inducted into the *Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame* in 2016. **Elders** also received the *Career Development Award* from the National Institute of Health. In 2009, *The Joycelyn Elders Chair in Sexual Health Education* was established at the University of Minnesota Medical School. In 1992, **Elders** was elected president of the *Association of State and Territorial Health Officers*. **Elders strongly advocated sex and reproductive education, especially in African-American communities**. She criticized older textbooks that said only white females had naturally regular periods because white females were on birth control to regulate their periods. Black females did not readily seek out birth control because their "ministers were up on the pulpit saying the birth control pills were black genocide." She was very vocal about her disgust with black men exploiting black women and stripping them of their reproductive health choices, because **"If you can't control your reproduction, you can't control your life"**.



**Name:** [Prairie View A & M University](#)

**Location:** Prairie View, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$13.460\*

**Prairie View A&M University** is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas. **Prairie View A&M University** offers baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors, 37 master's degrees and four doctoral degree programs through eight colleges and the School of Architecture. **Prairie View A&M** is consistently recognized as one of the top institutions in the country for producing the highest number of African-American architects and engineers by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. In the last five years, 5,970 degrees were awarded, including more than 2,400 graduate degrees. During the University's 130-year history, some 46,000 academic degrees have been awarded. **Prairie View A&M** annually awards the second most STEM degrees in the Texas A&M University System.

**Prairie View A&M University** seeks to provide a high-quality educational experience for students who, upon completion of bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degrees, possess self-sufficiency and professional competence. The experience is imbued by the institution's values including, but not limited to, access and quality, accountability, diversity, leadership, relevance, and social responsibility.



**Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) makes its long-anticipated first appearance on the global TEDx!**

**PVAMU** will be the second university in the Texas A&M University System (after Texas A&M University-College Station) and among the first handful of HBCUs to hold a **TEDx event**, according to event coordinators, Taylon Owens, a junior chemical engineering major, and Chelsea B.H. Young, assistant director of the Honors Program at **PVAMU**. Owens said while PVAMU's TEDx event theme of *"Unlock Your Mind"* is evergreen, it maintains tremendous relevance to members of minority communities. "The narrative that many of us struggle with is that we always have to go into the same fields — so, we're good athletes, but we aren't capable of being coaches; we can't take on these higher positions in corporate America," he said. "The overall theme of *'Unlock Your Mind'* is a phrase I live by, and I think it really encapsulates what it means to go to the next level. We need to challenge those kinds of narratives by challenging our own way of thinking." [Click here for more!](#)

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**Name:** [Rust College](#)

**Location:** Holly Springs,  
Mississippi

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$10,316\*

**Rust College** is a co-educational, senior liberal arts HBCU founded in 1866 by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to offer quality programs in business, education, humanities, science and math, and social science to prepare students for leadership and service in a global society. **Rust College** believes that students "enter to learn and depart to serve," so **Rust** ensures that they have the tools to be productive members of society upon graduation. Rust's focus on the whole student, including mind, body and spirit, allows the College to support students fully in their educational quest.

**Rust College** graduates include leaders across a variety of fields and the dedicated alumni are often engaged in making the campus a better place. **Rust** alumni are committed to protecting and enhancing the legacy of their alma mater. If you decide to attend Rust, you will make lifelong friends, have the benefits of a faculty and staff committed to your success, and be able to participate in activities with your peers beyond the classroom.



**Let's celebrate Black Woman History as we shine a light on Delta Sigma Theta's Dr. Ivy Taylor as she makes history by becoming the 12th president of Rust College; the first woman to lead Rust College as President!**

Now President of **Rust College**, **Dr. Ivy Ruth Taylor** was the former Mayor of San Antonio, Texas, from 2014 through 2017. She was also the *First African American* to be elected mayor of San Antonio and only the second woman in that position. Additionally, **Dr. Taylor** was the first female African American mayor of a city with a population of more than one million. **Dr. Taylor** is now tasked with ensuring the next generation of global leaders at **Rust College**:

*"I love the idea of giving students hands-on experience and the opportunity to think critically about the issues that are going on around us. And given the moment that we're in, as far as what's happening here in the United States, I just think it's so important to be able to train Black journalists," said Taylor.*

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**Ida B. Wells-Barnett**

**Ida B. Wells-Barnett**, was a journalist, a civil rights activist and a suffragist. She also was a wife, mother and elder whose matriarchal influence on her family remains strong and intact. Ida B. Wells was born into slavery on July 16, 1862 in Holly Springs, Mississippi as the oldest of eight children. Her father, James, was a carpenter and her mother, Elizabeth, was a famous cook. Once slavery ended, Ida attended **Shaw University (now Rust College)** along with her mother who attended school long enough to learn how to read the Bible. *She grew up surrounded by political activists during Reconstruction* with a sense of hope about the possibilities of former slaves within the American society. She soon became a teacher in a rural Mississippi school order to earn money for the family. After two years, she moved to Memphis for a higher paying teaching job.

Although she wrote for church newspapers about inequality in schools as well as many other areas of life, one day changed her life forever. She was accustomed to riding the train in whatever seat she chose. In 1884, the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwest Railroad forbade her from sitting in the ladies' coach, even though she had a ticket. She was forcibly removed by three men because she refused to move to the colored car. She subsequently decided to sue the railroad and also wrote an article about the experience. *The success of her article about the case as well as the uproar caused by her criticism of the school systems, influenced her career change from teacher to journalist.* Wells was invited to Chicago by **Frederick Douglass** in 1893 to work on the pamphlet that was distributed at the World's Fair to explain the lack of African American representation.

In 1895 she settled in Chicago when she married Ferdinand L. Barnett, a widower and a fellow crusader who was a well-known attorney as well as the founder of '**The Conservator**' Newspaper. Barnett had two children from his previous marriage, the couple had four children of their own in eight years. She also was very active in the women's suffrage movement, starting the all-black **Alpha Suffrage Club** in **1913**. She was awarded a posthumous **2020 Pulitzer Prize Special Citation** for her outstanding and courageous reporting on the horrific and vicious violence against African Americans during the era of lynching.

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# SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY



*Transform. Excel. Lead*

**Name:** [Saint Augustine's University](#)

**Location:** Raleigh, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$17,898\*

**Saint Augustine's University (SAU)** was established in 1867 in Raleigh, NC by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. A four-year liberal arts university with an average enrollment of approximately 1,000, **SAU** sits on 105 lush acres just north of downtown Raleigh. **Saint Augustine's University** will be nationally recognized as a comprehensive institution with high performing students, renowned faculty, focused community engagement and a strong alumni base of change agents.

Since the beginning of its existence, **Saint Augustine's University** has blazed the trails in academics. **SAU Alumna Anna Julia Cooper**, who was a prominent writer, educator and scholar, became the fourth African-American woman in the United States to earn a doctoral degree. Today, **Saint Augustine's University** is proud of preserving its legacy by continuing to ensure scholars are academically equipped to be the global change agents of tomorrow.

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**Savannah State University**, the oldest public HBCU in the State of Georgia, develops productive members of a global society through high quality instruction, scholarship, research, service and community involvement. The University fosters engaged learning and personal growth in a student-centered environment that celebrates the African American legacy while nurturing a diverse student body. **Savannah State University** offers graduate and undergraduate studies including nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, the sciences and the professions.

**Name:** [Savannah State University](#)

**Location:** Savannah, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$9,557\*

**SSU** prepares students to perform at higher levels of economic productivity, social responsibility, and excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor in a changing global community. The educational goal is realized through program offerings in the College of Business Administration, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Sciences and Technology and College of Education, which lead to baccalaureate and master's degrees.



**Shannon Sharpe** played football and basketball and competed in track and field while **at Savannah State University**. **Sharpe** led **Savannah State** to an 8-1 record in 1989. The Glennville, GA native was **All-SIAC First Team in 1987, 88 and 89**. In 1989, he was Co-SIAC Player of the Year, selected to the Kodak Small College All-America First Team, and named the College Player of the Year in Georgia. He was the first **Savannah State** player to play in the Blue-Gray Classic (1990) and East-West Shrine Game (1990). **Sharpe** owns **SSU** single season receiving records for yardage, touchdowns, and yards per catch. His #2 football jersey was officially retired on **Shannon Sharpe Day** in October 2009 at **SSU**. **Sharpe** received his B.S. degree in criminal justice in 1990.

**Shannon Sharpe** was drafted in the seventh round of the 1990 National Football League Draft by the Denver Broncos. He went on to play professional football for 12 seasons and the Baltimore Ravens for two years. **Sharpe** was inducted into the *Pro Football Hall of Fame* on August 6, 2011. He won *three Super Bowls* and finished his career as the *NFL's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns by a tight end*. **Sharpe** was *the first tight end to amass over 10,000 receiving yards* and was named to the first team of the *NFL 1990s All-Decade Team*. **Shannon** is a former analyst for CBS Sports on its NFL telecasts. He is widely regarded as one of the **greatest Tight Ends of all time**. He is a successful sports analyst with the YouTube dominant series of "*Undisputed*".



**Name:** [Selma University](#)

**Location:** Selma, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$10,262\*

**Selma University** is a private, Baptist Bible HBCU in Selma, Alabama. In 1881, the school was incorporated by an act of the legislature under the name of **Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School of Selma**. In 1886, **Charles L. Purce** succeeded **Edward M. Brawley** as president at Selma. Purce was successful as president and helped the university pay off a debt of \$8,000. In 1894, he accepted the presidency of **Simmons College of Kentucky**, then known as the State University at Louisville. On May 14, 1908, the name was officially changed to **Selma University**.

As a Christian Bible College, **Selma University** seeks to stimulate its students spiritually, intellectually and socially, and to produce graduates who are servant leaders in their churches, communities and chosen areas of vocation. **Selma University** offers students classroom and online learning. **Selma University's** vision is to prepare and present curriculum to men and women by offering a quality educational program with liberal arts emphasis, equipping students spiritually, intellectually and socially and to produce graduates who lead in the profession for which they were trained.

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**Name:** [Shaw University](#)

**Location:** Raleigh, North Carolina

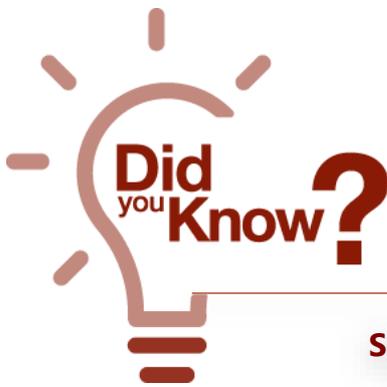
**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$18,846\*

**Shaw University**, located in Raleigh, North Carolina, is the first HBCU of higher education in the South and among the oldest in the nation. **Shaw** boasts many "firsts": the first college in the nation to offer a four-year medical program, the first HBCU in the nation to open its doors to women, and the first HBCU in North Carolina to be granted an "A" rating by the State Department of Public Instruction.

**Shaw University** advances and facilitates student learning and achievement, to enhance the spiritual and ethical values of its students, and to transform a diverse community of learners into future global leaders. The University currently enrolls more than 1,800 students and offers more than 30 degree-granting programs, including accredited programs in athletic training, kinesiotherapy, social work, divinity, religious education and teacher education.



**Shaw University is the #1 producer of HBCU Presidents:**

**Lee Monroe:** Voorhees College

**William L. Pollard:** Medgar Evers College

**Ezekiel Ezra Smith:** Fayetteville State University

**James E. Shepard:** North Carolina Central University

**Peter Weddick Moore:** Elizabeth City State University

**James B. Dudley:** North Carolina A & T State University

**John O. Crosby:** North Carolina A & T State University

**Charles L. Purce:** Selma University & Simmons College of Kentucky

**James E. Cheek:** Shaw University & President Emeritus of Howard University

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**Simmons College of Kentucky (SC)** is a private HBCU in Louisville, Kentucky. Founded in 1879, **Simmons College of Kentucky** is the nation's 107th HBCU. **Simmons** offers six degree programs in the liberal arts. Majors range from sociology to business entrepreneurship, advanced courses for religion, and topic-based seminars taught by local practitioners. Through academic support programs and a comprehensive curriculum, **Simmons** students are more likely to graduate with an ethical worldview.

**Name:** [Simmons College of Kentucky](#)

**Location:** Louisville, Kentucky

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$3,431\*

**Simmons College** is a beacon of leadership in the world of higher education; a resource to the nation and world. **SC** students are known for its expertise in fields which improve the human condition. **SC** is sought out for the findings of its highly reputable research and seen as the global expert in educating women for their own empowerment and for leadership.

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**Name:** [South Carolina State University](#)

**Location:** Orangeburg, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$20,007\*

**South Carolina State University** is a public, land-grant HBCU in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It is the only public, land-grant HBCU in South Carolina. Since 1896, **South Carolina State University** has maintained a legacy of excellence in education and has been home to generations of scholars and leaders in business, military service, government, athletics, education, medicine, science, engineering technology and more. Located in Orangeburg, S.C., **SC State** was founded as a land grant college with a mission of providing education and service to the citizens of the state. In its first century, **SC State** was a leader in education and continues to lead the way into the next century.

**South Carolina State University** is committed to providing affordable and accessible quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs. **South Carolina State University** is consistently among the national leaders in producing African-American students with baccalaureate degrees in biology, education, business, engineering technology, computer science, mathematics, English language, and literature. Moreover, it is one of three universities in South Carolina to offer a doctoral program in Educational Administration and one of two schools in the state to offer an accredited master's degree program in Speech-Language Pathology.



**James E. Clyburn** graduated from **South Carolina State University** with a bachelor's degree in history and was initiated into **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** **Clyburn** is an American politician and a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina. He has served as House Majority Whip since 2019. He is a two-time Majority Whip, having previously served in the post from 2007 to 2011, and served as House Assistant Minority Leader from 2011 to 2019. Currently in his 15th term as a congressman, **Clyburn** has served as U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 6th congressional district since 1993. **Clyburn** is the current dean of the South Carolina congressional delegation. Following the departure of John Spratt in 2011, aside from the single term served by Joe Cunningham, **Clyburn** has been the only Democrat in South Carolina's congressional delegation. **Clyburn played a pivotal role in the 2020 presidential election by endorsing Joe Biden three days before the South Carolina Democratic primary.** The South Carolina win for Biden days before Super Tuesday instantly transformed his campaign; the momentum led him to capture the Democratic nomination and later the presidency.



**Name:** [Southern University](#)

**Location:** Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport, LA

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$15,511\*

**Southern University and A&M College** is a public land-grant HBCU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Southern University System is the largest HBCU in Louisiana and is the only HBCU system in the nation. The system consists of Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (SUBR), New Orleans (SUNO), Shreveport (SUSLA), SU Law Center (SULC), and SU Agricultural Center (SUAC). SUSLA is a two-year, commuter college.

**Southern University and A&M College's** mission is to provide opportunities for a diverse population to achieve a high-quality education and is proud of its rich heritage of producing highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students in 34 undergraduate programs and 22 graduate programs. Over 96% of all academic programs are nationally accredited by specialty area organizations.



**Kiara "Kiki" Ely** has made a name for herself in the entertainment and commercial dance world, working with the top artists in the industry, film and television, and has toured all over the world over the past two decades. Starting at age six, she studied all styles of dance from ballet, tap, jazz, pointe and African at **Spelman College** but received her formal training in ballet and pointe. She continued her dancing at **Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana**, where she was a member of the SU Dancing Dolls for four years and a member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

After graduating **Cum Laude from Southern University** with a B.S. Degree in Chemistry, her heart led her to a career as a professional dancer / choreographer. She has performed on numerous television shows including **The Oprah Winfrey Show**, **Dancing with the Stars**, **America's Got Talent**, the Grammys and BET Awards and with a list of artists such as Mariah Carey, John Legend, Missy Elliott and Ricky Martin. She has choreographed for recording artists Ciara, Janelle Monae, Ludacris and TLC, as well as dancing with and choreographing for the Atlanta Hawks Dance Team. Her choreography can be seen in several movies including **Drumline** and **What a Man Wants** along with television shows including **Greenleaf**, **Star** and **The Quad**. Now, she is one of the most sought-after choreographers in Atlanta and as a co-owner, founded **AtLA Takeova**, an industry driven dance convention that brings in the top A-list celebrity choreographers and industry professionals giving dancers the tools and training to take their dance career to the next level.

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**Name:** [Southern University](#)

**Location:** New Orleans,  
Louisiana

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

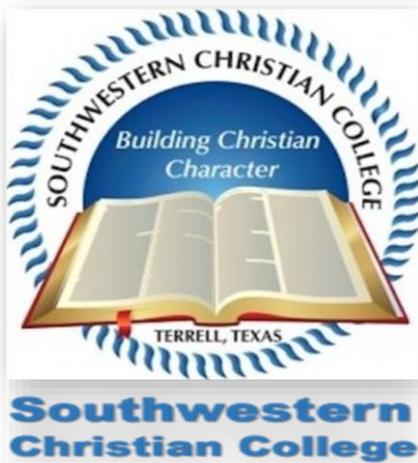
**Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)** was founded as a branch unit of **Southern University** and Agricultural & Mechanical College in Baton Rouge (SUBR) on September 4, 1956. On September 21, 1959, **SUNO** opened its doors on a 17-acre site located in historic Pontchartrain Park, a subdivision of primarily African American single-family residents in eastern New Orleans.

Established as an open community of learners, classes began with 158 freshmen, one building and a motivated faculty of 15. The University offered 10 courses in four academic disciplines: Humanities, Science, Social Science and Commerce. **Southern University at New Orleans** is the only program in the state to offer a Master of Arts in Museum Studies. The program is a rigorous course in the study of theories, procedures and managerial concepts of museums. Today, **SUNO** serves as a beacon for those looking for educational advancement in an environment that provides the personal attention students need for success.

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**Name:** [Southwestern Christian College](#)

**Location:** Terrell, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$7,928\*

**Southwestern Christian College**, founded in 1949 and sponsored by members of Churches of Christ, is accredited as a four-year, educational college offering bachelor's degree in Bible and Religious Education, with a two-year associate program in the liberal arts. Its purpose is to:

- offer a holistic educational program that will motivate the student to value and achieve academic excellence within the context of commitment to moral and spiritual values;
- to assist students in making their transitions from high school to higher education on various levels;
- to assist students in preparation for varied vocations in life;
- to prepare future leaders for their distinct communities and the world at large.

In keeping with the concept of "Christian Living," **Southwestern Christian College** is dedicated to the purpose of offering such academic instruction that will prepare the student to effectively take his or her place in the business and social world, well rooted and grounded in the Word of God.

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**Name:** [Spelman College](#)

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$43,042\*

**Spelman College** is a private women's liberal arts HBCU in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded in 1881, as the **Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, Spelman** received its collegiate charter in 1924, making it America's oldest private liberal arts HBCU for women. Now, **Spelman** is a global leader in the education of women of African descent. Today, the student body comprises more than 2,100 students from 43 states and 10 foreign countries. **Spelman** empowers women to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change through service. The College is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical and leadership development of our students.

**Spelman** is proud of its 76% graduation rate (average over six years), one of the best in the nation, but the support doesn't stop once women step on stage to take their diplomas. **Spelman's global alumnae network is strong**, providing connections and helping hands to graduates as they begin on their path of global engagement. **Spelman College** is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical, and leadership development of its students. Through diverse learning modalities, **Spelman** empowers the whole person to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change.



Born in Newark, New Jersey, **Keisha Knight Pulliam** started her career by appearing in commercials when she was only a baby. In 1984, **Pulliam** got the biggest break of her career. She was only four years old when she landed the role of Bill Cosby's adorable and witty daughter Rudy Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*. From the outset, **Pulliam** received rave reviews for her performance on screen and her maturity on set. When *The Cosby Show* ended its run in 1992, her family moved to Virginia, where **Knight Pulliam** attended the Potomac School in McLean and Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia, from which she graduated in 1997. **Pulliam** also attended **Spelman College**, where she became a member of the **Eta Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** **Pulliam** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 2001. She has also worked on several TV and film projects, including *Madea Goes to Jail* and *House of Payne*.

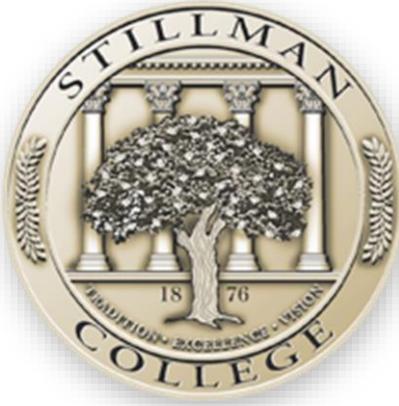


**Stacey Yvonne Abrams**

Politician, lawyer, author and activist **Stacey Abrams** graduated as the *first Black Valedictorian* from Avondale High School in DeKalb County, Georgia, before earning a *Magna Cum Laude* undergraduate degree in interdisciplinary studies (political science, economics and sociology) with a minor in theater from **Spelman College**. She later graduated from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Public Affairs in public policy and received her J.D. from Yale Law School.

In 2006, **Abrams** was elected as a *Georgia State Representative*, and within four years, she became the *House Minority Leader*. After ascending to the highest state legislative role in 2010, **Abrams** earned the distinction of becoming *the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly*, as well as the *first African American to lead in the House of Representatives*. During her 11 years in the Georgia House (seven as Democratic leader), **Abrams** served on the Appropriations, Ethics, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules, and Ways & Means committees. As Georgia's then-top-ranking Democrat, she traveled to and met with leaders in South Korea, Israel and Taiwan, and her international policy travel included Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. After leaving her state representative position, **Abrams** launched a 2018 run for *Governor of Georgia*, becoming *the first Black woman to earn a major party's gubernatorial nomination in the United States*. Despite winning more votes than any Democratic candidate in the state's history (including former President Barack Obama), she lost to Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp by fewer than two percentage points and just over 50,000 votes of the more than four million cast.

Following her election loss, **Abrams**, in 2018, founded **Fair Fight**, a voter protection and education organization, which aims to "promote fair elections in Georgia and around the country, encourage voter participation in elections, and educate voters about elections and their voting rights." **Through her efforts, she helped register at least 800,000 new voters in Georgia ahead of the 2020 general election, per National Public Radio (NPR), and as a result, Democrat Joe Biden won the state's electoral votes for President in 2020. As an additional beneficial consequence to Stacy Abrams' efforts, Democrats Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Osoff also flipped Georgia's two Republican-held Senate seats in a January 2021 special run-off race.** In addition to her political career, she's also published eight romantic suspense novels under the pen name *Selena Montgomery*.



**Name:** [Stillman College](#)

**Location:** Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$18,111\*

Founded in 1875, **Stillman College** is a liberal arts institution with a historical and formal affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is committed to fostering academic excellence, to providing opportunities for diverse populations, and to maintaining a strong tradition of preparing students for leadership and service by fostering experiential learning and community engagement designed to equip and empower Stillman's students and its constituents.

**Stillman** is a liberal arts institution, committed to fostering academic excellence and to providing high quality educational opportunities for diverse populations with disparate levels of academic preparation. Primarily a teaching institution, **Stillman** has a proud and evolving tradition of preparing students for leadership and service in society.

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**Name:** [Talladega College](#)

**Location:** Talladega, Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$15,264\*

**Talladega College**, Alabama's first private liberal arts HBCU, has been known for academic excellence for over 150 years. It is listed among the *Princeton Review's Best Colleges in the Southeast*; *US News & World Report's Best National Liberal Arts Colleges, Best HBCUs and Top Performers on Social Mobility*; and *Kiplinger's Best Value colleges and universities*. *Kiplinger named Talladega the second-best college in the nation for "low average graduating debt" in 2019*. The College has an aggressive tradition of bringing the world to Talladega via workshops, forums and lectures presented by acclaimed artists, scientists, and political, business, and civic leaders.

The campus is noted for its breathtaking historic buildings as well as its state-of-the-art facilities. **Talladega** is located in a historic district of the city of Talladega, Alabama. Its main campus includes 44 buildings on 50 acres, surrounded by the city and gently rolling woodlands. The beautiful oak-lined campus boasts several historic landmarks. The campus is on a plateau about 700 feet above sea level in the heart of a fertile valley in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is a quiet place - away from the distractions and fast pace of urban living, yet conveniently close to neighboring cities that offer extensive cultural and entertainment outlets as well as shopping, restaurants and theaters. **The college is just 25 miles south of the city of Anniston, Alabama, 50 miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, 85 miles north of Montgomery, Alabama, and 100 miles west of Atlanta, Georgia.**



**Nikema Williams**  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Georgia: 5<sup>th</sup> District  
**Alpha Kappa Alpha**



**"Prime Time"**  
**Deion Luwynn Sanders Sr.**



**Arthur Shores**  
Alabama's  
"Drum Major for Justice"  
**Alpha Phi Alpha**

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**Name:** [Tennessee State University](#)

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$11,460\*

Founded in 1912, **Tennessee State University** is Nashville's only public university, and is a premier, HBCU and land-grant institution offering 39 bachelor's degree programs, 24 master's degree programs, and eight doctoral degrees. **TSU** is a comprehensive research-intensive institution with a R-2 Carnegie designation, and has a graduate school on its downtown Avon Williams Campus, along with the Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center in McMinnville, Tennessee. Exemplifying a commitment to excellence, **Tennessee State University** provides students with a quality education in a nurturing and innovative environment that prepares them as alumni to be global leaders in every facet of society.

**Tennessee State University** is a world-class university known for academic excellence, incredible students, inspiring faculty, exceptional value and an amazing campus and community. The world-class faculty will teach you how to apply what you learn in the classroom to real-world situations. As a student, you will become a problem solver and critical thinker. The university also assists in providing information on financial aid services, work-study, fellowships and scholarships based on eligibility and other rules and regulations established by the agencies. Students have unlimited possibilities for success at **Tennessee State University**. **TSU** provides students with the opportunity to experience academic and personal growth. Students receive instruction from top-notch faculty and become immersed in research, service learning, and student life activities, including internships, cultural, and study abroad opportunities.



**NBA star, TSU alum Robert Covington awards \$25K scholarships to two student athletes at his alma mater!**

Two **Tennessee State University** student athletes will each receive a \$25,000 scholarship thanks to NBA star and **TSU** alum **Robert Covington**. He made the announcement during the recent NBA All-Star weekend in Atlanta. Covington graduated from **Tennessee State University** in 2013 with a degree in Exercise Science while finishing his college basketball career ranked seventh on **Tennessee State's All-Time List in both scoring (1,749 points) and rebounding (876)**. *In November, he gifted TSU with a donation for a construction project to enhance the university's basketball program.* The facility, to be called the "*Covington Pavilion*," will have two practice courts, locker rooms and offices for the men's and women's basketball programs. **The gift is the largest of that magnitude to an HBCU by a former athlete who was a product of its program.** [Click Here for More!](#)



**Wilma Rudolph**

**Wilma Rudolph, an American sprinter, was the first American-born woman ever to win three track-and-field gold medals in a single Olympics.** Rudolph was born prematurely on June 23, 1940, in St. Bethlehem, Tennessee, the 20th of 22 children born to dad Ed across his two marriages. She went on to become a pioneering African American track and field champion, but the road to victory was not an easy one for **Rudolph**. Stricken with double pneumonia, scarlet fever and polio as a child, she had problems with her left leg and had to wear a brace. It was with great determination and the help of physical therapy that she was able to overcome her disabilities. She attended **Tennessee State University** from 1957 to 1961, where she became a member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Growing up in the segregated South, **Rudolph** attended the all-Black Burt High School, where she played on the basketball team. Nicknamed "Skeeter" for her famous speed, **Rudolph** qualified for the 1956 Summer Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia. *The youngest member of the U.S. track and field team at age 16, she won a bronze medal in the 400-meter relay.* A naturally gifted runner, she was soon recruited to train with **Tennessee State University** track coach **Ed Temple**.

Held in Rome, Italy, the 1960 Olympic Games were a golden time for **Rudolph**. **After tying a world record with her time of 11.3 seconds in the 100-meter semifinals, she won the event with her wind-aided mark of 11.0 seconds in the final.** Similarly, *Rudolph broke the Olympic record in the 200-meter dash (23.2 seconds) in the heats before claiming another gold medal with her time of 24.0 seconds.* She was also part of the U.S. team that established the world record in the 400-meter relay (44.4 seconds) before going on to *win gold with a time of 44.5 seconds.* As a result, **Rudolph became the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at a single Olympic Games.** The first-class sprinter instantly became one of the most popular athletes of the Rome Games as well as an international superstar, lauded around the world for her groundbreaking achievements.

**Rudolph** shared her remarkable story with her 1977 autobiography, *Wilma*, which was turned into a TV film later that year. In the 1980s, she was inducted into the *U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame*. Over the years, she was inducted into *several women's and sports halls of fame*. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, **Rudolph is remembered for her contributions to youth via creating The Wilma Rudolph Foundation.** She died on November 12, 1994, in Brentwood, Tennessee, after losing a battle with brain cancer.



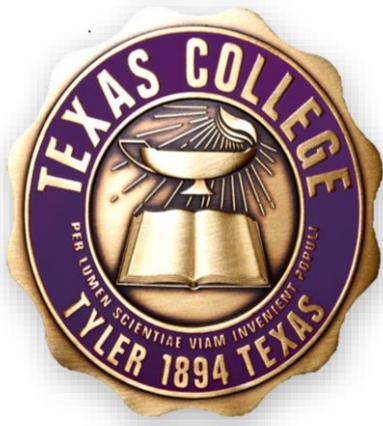
## Oprah Gail Winfrey

Through the power of media, **Oprah Winfrey** has created an unparalleled connection with people around the world. As host and supervising producer of the top-rated, award-winning *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, she entertained, enlightened and uplifted millions of viewers for *25 years*. *Her accomplishments as a global media leader and philanthropist have established her as one of the most respected and admired public figures today.*

**Oprah** began her broadcasting career at *WVOL Radio* in Nashville while still in high school. She worked there during her senior year of high school and in her first two years of college. She had won an oratory contest, which secured her a full scholarship to **Tennessee State University**, where she studied *Communication*. At the age of 19, she became *the youngest person and the first African American woman to anchor the news at Nashville's WTVF-TV*. She then relocated to Baltimore's WJZ-TV to co-anchor the "Six O'clock News" and later went on to become co-host of its local talk show, *People Are Talking*. In 1984, **Oprah** moved to Chicago to host WLS-TV's morning talk show, *AM Chicago*, which became the number one local talk show—surpassing ratings for *Donahue*—just one month after she began. In less than a year, the show expanded to one hour and was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. *It entered national syndication in 1986, becoming the highest-rated talk show in television history.* In 1988, she established *Harpo Studios*, making her **the third woman in the American entertainment industry (after Mary Pickford and Lucille Ball) to own her own studio**. Produced by **Oprah's** Harpo Studios, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* entertained, enlightened and uplifted millions of viewers for 25 years. The show reached more than 40 million viewers a week in the United States as the top-rated talk show and was licensed to 150 countries internationally.

In 2008, **Oprah** and Discovery Communications announced plans to create **OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network**, the first and only network named for, and inspired by, a single iconic leader. **Oprah's** heart and creative instincts inform the brand—and the magnetism of the channel. **Oprah** provides leadership in programming and attracts superstar talent to join her in primetime, building a global community of like-minded viewers and leading that community to connect on social media and beyond. **OWN** is a joint venture between *Harpo, Inc.* and Discovery Communications. The network debuted on January 1, 2011 and is available in 85 million homes. The venture also includes the award-winning digital platform *Oprah.com*. Effective July 2011, **Oprah** assumed the positions of Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Creative Officer for the network.

*Oprah's Lifeclass* is a true multi-platform experience with millions of students from over 200 countries around the world engaging with **Oprah** on-air, online and via social media. In the popular series, **Oprah** and handpicked experts interact with fans worldwide in inspiring conversations about principles that guide our lives. The series, which is also live streamed at [Oprah.com](http://Oprah.com) and Facebook, features a digital classroom with course work to accompany episode themes. In recognition of her extraordinary achievements and contributions, **Oprah** has received numerous honors, including the most prestigious award as the *2013 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom*.



On January 9, 1894, **Texas College** was founded by a group of ministers affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, a black denomination. They planned a full, co-educational college to serve people in eastern Texas. The mission continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. In the academic and professional development of students, the institution works aggressively to fulfill the "heart," of the mission which is to "...ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active, productive members of society where they live and work."

**Name:** [Texas College](#)

**Location:** Tyler, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$14,020\*

**Texas College** offers bachelor's degree programs in biology, business administration, criminal justice, computer science, English, interdisciplinary studies (teacher certification), mathematics, music, liberal studies, religion, social work and sociology. Also available are Associate of Arts degrees in early childhood education and general studies, as well as a post-baccalaureate alternative certification teacher education program for people with bachelor's degrees.

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**Name:** [Texas Southern University](#)

**Location:** Houston, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$14,540\*

On January 9, 1894, **Texas Southern University** was founded by a group of ministers affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, a black denomination. **Texas Southern University** is one of the nation's preeminent comprehensive metropolitan universities. **TSU** is recognized by the excellence of its programs, the quality of its instruction, innovative research and creative activities, and its commitment to be a contributing partner to our community, state, nation, and world. Our academic curriculum is organized into 10 colleges and schools that continue to serve as cornerstones for developing the greatest potential in leaders from various socioeconomic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Some of TSU's well-known graduates include the late **U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan** and *U.S. Congressman George "Mickey" Leland*.

**Texas Southern University** possesses an impressive array of more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs and concentrations, a diverse faculty, 80-plus student organizations, and an extensive alumni network comprised of educators, entrepreneurs, public servants, lawyers, pilots, artists, and more, many of whom are change agents on the local, national and international stage. Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre campus, **Texas Southern University is one of the nation's largest HBCUs.**



**Michael Strahan** is a former American professional football player and television personality. Born in Houston, Texas, **Strahan** spent most of his youth in Germany, where his father Gene was stationed in the U.S. Army. Strahan returned to the U.S. for a portion of high school and soon was recruited to play football at **Texas Southern University**. Having played as a defensive end throughout his 15-year career, he combined his tall and strong build with his unflinching desire to block offensive play of the opposition to become one of the most celebrated players in NFL. *He redefined the art of sacks in the game, and such was his imprint on the game that broke an 18-year-old record in the NFL with a season defining 22.5 sacks.*

**Strahan** founded his own production company *SMAC Entertainment* which creates strong and diversified content for ABC and other networks, most notably "*The Joker's Wild*," "*ESPN 30 for 30: Deion's Double Play*," "*Wiz Khalifa: Behind the Cam*," "*Back in The Game*," and more. Most recently in November 2020, **Strahan** and SMAC Entertainment produced a new HBO Sports documentary, "*The Cost of Winning*." The four-part docuseries follows the football team at St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, Maryland. Since 2014, **Strahan** and SMAC have produced the highly rated and critically acclaimed "*Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards*." **Strahan** hosted the first "*Kids' Choice Sports Awards*" in 2014, as well as the ceremony in 2019.



**Name:** [Tougaloo College](#)

**Location:** Tougaloo, Mississippi

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$12,590\*

Founded in 1869 by the American Missionary Association, **Tougaloo College** is a private, liberal arts HBCU. The College prepares students to be imaginative, self-directed, lifelong learners and mindful thinkers, committed to leadership and services in a global society by offering a high-quality liberal studies program. **Tougaloo** offers an undergraduate curriculum designed to encourage students to apply critical thought to all areas of life, to acquire a basic knowledge of the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences, to develop skills required in selected professions; and to provide leadership in a democratic society and in a changing world. **Tougaloo College** prepares its students to be lifelong learners who are committed to leadership and service in a global society through its diverse undergraduate and graduate programs. As a thriving internationally recognized institution, **Tougaloo College** will prepare its graduates to be productive in their time and lead the change for a better world.



**Dr. Hakeem M. Oluseyi** is an astrophysicist, educator, and inventor. He received his B.S. degrees in Math and in Physics from **Tougaloo College** and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from Stanford University. His post-doctoral work was performed at Applied Materials, Inc. and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is currently an *Assistant Professor of Physics* at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and an *Astrophysicist* at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. **Dr. Oluseyi's** research has focused on the development of instrumentation for space-based astronomical observation including optics, detectors, and electronics, and on the analysis of terrestrial and astronomical plasmas including semiconductor manufacturing plasmas, solar / stellar atmospheres and supernovae. **He is the author or co-author of over 40 scientific publications, holds eight patents and has received several fellowships, honors and awards.** As an educator, **Dr. Oluseyi** has taught a diversity of students from Stanford University, Foothill College, Kaplan Test Prep Center and the University of Alabama. He has supervised the research activities of 11 students, six of whom were women and seven of whom were from underrepresented minority groups. **Dr. Oluseyi** has also traveled regularly to South and East Africa as a member of Cosmos Education to teach K-12 students as well as to train young educators. **Dr. Oluseyi** is currently developing visible and near infrared CCD detectors that are designed for deployment. His recent research has focused on taking the detector program from a research mode to the delivery of precision robust reliable devices. This work has recently resulted in the deployment of the novel CCD technology as a detector in the SuperNova Intergral Field Spectrograph (SNIFS), a part of the Nearby Supernova Factory.



**Name:** [Tuskegee University](#)

**Location:** Tuskegee,  
Alabama

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$33,420\*

**Tuskegee University**, ranked as the **nation's #4 HBCU** nationally is located in Tuskegee, Alabama roughly 80 miles west of Atlanta, GA. Tuskegee was founded in 1881 by **Booker T. Washington** and was the birthplace of many of George Washington Carver's famous inventions and writings. Tuskegee's campus sprawls across 100 acres and **is the only HBCU on a federally designated historic site that includes a NASA experiment station**, a National Center for bioethics research and health care, a replica of the "Tuskegee Redtails" bomber, and the only Kellogg Conference Center that sits on an HBCU campus!

**Tuskegee** boasts a rich student life ranging from its highly SIAC ranked men's basketball and football teams, its women's tennis and volleyball teams and, of course, the Famous Golden Tigers Marching Band. In addition to a myriad of student government sponsored events and events hosted by **Tuskegee's** thriving Divine Nine Greek Letter organizations, there are a host of student clubs and activities to meet the interests of most students!

In addition, **Tuskegee** has several points of distinction to its credit such as:

- **Being the number one producer of African American aerospace science engineers in the nation.**
- A leading producer in the country of African American engineering graduates in chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering.
- The top producer of African American Ph.D. holders in Materials Science and Engineering in the U.S.
- Producing more African American general officers in the military than any other institution, including the service academies.
- The largest producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees in Math, Science and Engineering in Alabama.
- **The only HBCU with a fully accredited College of Veterinary Medicine that offers a Doctoral Degree; and produces over 75% of the African American veterinarians in the world.**
- Originator and producer of the famous "Tuskegee Airmen," in partnership with the U.S. Army Air Corps.
- Producer of the first African American four-star general: Daniel "Chappie" James.
- The producer of the first African American winner of the National Book Award, Ralph Ellison for his book, Invisible Man.
- **The only HBCU to maintain academic excellence while supporting a football program that exceeds a 680-win career record and many conference titles including four consecutive SIAC Conference Football Championships.**





**Kimberly D. Manning**  
"Grady Doc"

**Kimberly D. Manning** is an American physician, *Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics*, and **Kimberly** serves as an *Associate Professor of Medicine* as well as the *Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine* in Atlanta, Georgia. **Manning** has been recognized at the national level for her mentorship and teaching as well as her blogging and public speaking. Furthermore, her blog, "*Reflections of a Grady Doctor*" was named as one of the *top four medical blogs by "O" The Oprah Magazine*.

**Kimberly Manning** was born in California and grew up in inner city Los Angeles. In high school, Manning's father told her that, as a Black man in Alabama, people warned him that becoming a physician was not attainable. Hearing this story from her father motivated her to pursue a career in medicine. Following high school, **Manning** attended **Tuskegee University** for her undergraduate education. **Manning** completed her pre-medical studies, and was initiated into the **Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** After completing her pre-medical studies in 1992, **Manning** was still set on a path to a career in medicine. She pursued her medical degree training at **Meharry Medical College**, also an **HBCU**.

**Dr. Manning** has a passion for teaching and working to bring out the everyday lessons in patient care that sometimes get missed. A strong focus of her academic interests includes humanism in medicine, medical professionalism, and patient-doctor communication skills. An avid writer, she regularly contributes reflective writing pieces to high impact journals such as *JAMA* and *The Annals of Internal Medicine and Academic Medicine*. **Dr. Manning** also mentors medical students, residents, and colleagues on writing. In addition to roles in promoting diversity and educating both pre-clinical students and residents, Manning also treats patients at Grady Memorial Hospital, one of the largest public hospitals in the United States.

In addition to the roles she plays in enhancing diversity and equity at Emory, she is also a prominent educator and is known nationally for her teaching at both the level of medical students as well as residents. She has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards including the **2012 Evangeline Papageorge Distinguished Teaching Award**—*Emory University School of Medicine's highest recognition for teaching* and most recently, the **2017 ACGME Courage to Teach Award**.

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## DoD launches aerospace center at Tuskegee University!

**The U.S. Department of Defense** has launched an aerospace education center of excellence at **Tuskegee University** in Alabama. **Tuskegee University** has been selected to receive a \$600,000 grant that will allow faculty in multiple departments to study aerodynamics phenomena over a three-year period.

**The Department of Defense award** will support research efforts by faculty in the university's Aerospace Science Engineering and Mathematics departments who are conducting cutting-edge research on the complex flow field of slender delta wings at high alpha with vectoring jets. The research team expects the project to yield an advanced understanding of how to control an aircraft by using unconventional techniques, like thrust vectoring, as well as the study of computational aerodynamics techniques.

**The Aerospace Education Research and Innovation Center** will support undergraduate research in materials and aerospace sciences relevant to the department and the aerospace industry, a news release said. "The establishment of centers of excellence plays a vital role in our defense enterprise by stimulating research and innovation for the next generation of STEM leaders," said Dr. Jagadeesh Pamulapati, director of the *Pentagon's Office of Research, Technology, and Laboratories*.

The school was the home of the **Tuskegee Airmen. It is now the nation's top producer of Black aerospace engineers**, the news release said. The new program will support two-year research projects in fatigue damage tolerance, experimental aerodynamics, and the performance of materials and components under extreme environmental conditions. It also will bring in defense department speakers and place summer interns at defense laboratories.

The Alabama center also will collaborate with Wichita State University in Kansas; Boeing; Dynetics; and Chevron. [Click Here to Learn More Research Achievements!](#)



**Name:** [University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff](#)

**Location:** Pine Bluff, Arkansas

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$11,345\*

**The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff** is an 1890 land-grant HBCU with a diverse student population, competitive degree offerings and stellar faculty. For more than 140 years, the **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff** has worked to create an environment that inculcates learning, growth and productivity while affording a basic need to its students – a chance to advance.

*The 15:1 student to teacher ratio* makes it possible to maintain a learning environment with close interaction between students and faculty while challenging curricula encourage students to seek and fulfill their potential. Students excel in their chosen fields of study through more than 30 undergraduate programs, master's degree programs and a doctorate program in Aquaculture / Fisheries. Students develop workplace readiness through internships, co-ops, and fellowships in the U.S. and abroad.

Out-of-class experiences and student involvement include more than 90 student organizations, an internationally renowned vesper choir, marching band, concert bands, wind symphony, nationally recognized debate team, award-winning theater department and accomplished athletic program. Though the main campus is in Pine Bluff, its reach is worldwide. **UAPB** has an extended campus in North Little Rock and offers online courses as well. With the addition of the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (ARE-ON), students can engage in information exchange with others anywhere in the world.

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**Name:** [University of Maryland](#)

[Eastern Shore](#)

**Location:** Princess Anne, Maryland

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Town: Fringe

**Net Price:** \$16,267\*

**The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)** was founded on September 13, 1886 and has grown into a teaching, research, and doctoral institution that nurtures and launches leaders in a student-centered environment. Initially known as the Delaware Conference Academy under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, **UMES** is located in Princess Anne, the seat of Somerset County.

**UMES** is a student-centered, doctoral research degree-granting university known for its nationally accredited undergraduate and graduate programs, applied research, and highly valued graduates. **UMES** provides individuals, including first generation college students, access to a holistic learning environment that fosters multicultural diversity, academic success, and intellectual and social growth. **UMES** prepares graduates to address challenges in a global knowledge-based economy, while maintaining its commitment to meeting the workforce and economic development needs of the *Eastern Shore*, the state, the nation and the world. **Check UMES's Cyber Program below!**

**Check this out!**



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**Name:** [University of the District of Columbia](#)

**Location:** Washington, D. C.

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large City

**Net Price:** \$15,886\*

Public higher education in the District is rooted in the school for 'colored girls' that Myrtilla Miner founded in 1851 which came to be called the **Miner Normal School**. Washington Normal School, a school for white girls established in 1873, was renamed Wilson Normal School in 1913, after James O. Wilson, Washington's first superintendent of public schools. In 1929, Congress enacted a statute that converted both normal schools into four-year teacher's colleges. For several years, Miner Teachers College and Wilson Teachers College were the only institutions of public higher education in the city. After the landmark U.S. Supreme Court school desegregation decision, *Brown v. Board of Education* (U.S. 1954), the two colleges merged in 1955 to form the **District of Columbia Teachers College**.

The City Council authorized the consolidation of the three schools, and in 1976, began the monumental task of creating a new **University of the District of Columbia (UDC)**, the only public university in the city. Today, **UDC** offers 81 undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs through the following colleges and schools: College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences; College of Arts and Sciences; School of Business and Public Administration; School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Community College, and David A. Clarke School of Law.

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## Brian A. Thompson

**Brian A. Thompson** is a graduate of the **University of the District of Columbia (UDC)** with an Associate Degree in advertising design. **He is the first African American to design a U.S. banknote and has been employed as a Senior Journeyman Banknote Designer at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for 31 years.** In 2013, after 10 years of intense focus, he became a nationally recognized artist as the designer of the new one-hundred-dollar banknote, commonly referred to as "The Benjamin".

**Thompson's** historic milestone has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *Esquire*, *Coin World*, and on *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*. In February 2021, a mural in Los Angeles was created to celebrate Black History Month and his significant achievement to our nation. **Thompson** also received **UDC's Outstanding Alumni Award in 2001.**

**Thompson's** artistry and inspired leadership extends into his community as well. **Thompson** served as for four years as an Assistant Pastor at Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Maryland with oversight of the youth ministry. Eventually, he was called to create his own missional ministry with his wife Pamela becoming the Founding and Senior Pastor of Easel Outreach. The mission is to build a community that develops the creative genius within everyone through the arts, heals souls with unconditional love and support, and empowers all to restore justice with dignity and respect to those who have been repressed.

**Thompson's** other sacred passion is being a guest lecturer on Asperger's Syndrome and mental health advocacy at K-12 schools and colleges throughout the Washington, D.C. area. **Thompson's** wealth of knowledge and experience is opening doors for many who would not otherwise have access to opportunities for healing and well-being. His message gives hope to the voiceless. Thompson and Pamela live in Maryland and have six beautiful children. In his spare time, **Thompson** composes ambient relaxation music that is available on all music media platforms under his artist's name "*Instrumental Witness*".



**Name:** [University of the Virgin Islands](#)

**Location:** Charlotte Amalie,  
Virgin Islands

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$23,673\*

**The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)** lies in the heart of the beautiful Caribbean. Founded in 1962, **UVI** is a public, land-grant HBCU. Today, **UVI** has a combined enrollment of approximately 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students on its two campuses. The **UVI Experience** is uniquely multi-cultural, international, entrepreneurial, and intellectually stimulating.

**UVI** provides a vital and exciting environment for educating future leaders of the global 21st century community. The institution offers 47 undergraduate and graduate degree programs across its five colleges and schools: Business Administration, Education, Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Nursing, and Science & Mathematics. In 2018, **UVI** began offering online degrees for select programs. **UVI** is authorized to offer online degrees in almost all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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**Name:** [Virginia State University](#)

**Location:** Petersburg, Virginia

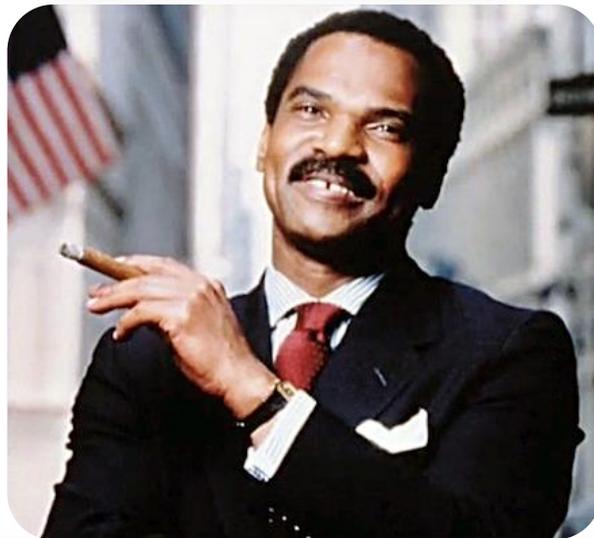
**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Large Suburb

**Net Price:** \$10,429\*

**Virginia State University**, a public, comprehensive 1890 land grant institution and HBCU, is committed to the preparation of a diverse population of men and women through the advancement of academic programs and services that integrate instruction, research, extension, and outreach. **VSU** endeavors to meet the educational needs of students, graduating lifelong learners who are well equipped to serve their communities as informed citizens, globally competitive leaders, and highly effective, ethical professionals.

Today, **VSU** has six Colleges: The College of Agriculture, The Reginald F. Lewis College of Business, The College of Education, The College of Engineering and Technology, The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and The College of Natural and Health Sciences. Collectively, these colleges offer 31 undergraduate degree programs, 17 graduate degree programs, two doctoral degree programs, and seven certificate programs. Additionally, **VSU** has a partnership program with the Peace Corps to prepare students for international service.



**Reginald F. Lewis of East Baltimore**, Maryland was one the most successful businessmen in the 1980s. The **VSU** graduate went on to Harvard Law School and **helped set up Wall Street's first African American law firm in 1968**. This law firm was the first to help minority businesses structure their finances and investments. His company also became a special council to *General Foods and Equitable Life*. **Lewis'** personal drive for making business deals became prevalent when he invested in the then struggling company, McCall Pattern Company. Under **Lewis's** command, the company turned its highest profit margin in its 113-year history. He sold the company for nearly triple the amount of his primary investment.

After enjoying his success from his first business venture, **Lewis** went back to work. **Lewis** purchased *Beatrice Foods*, an international food supplier. **Lewis helped turned the \$925 million dollar company into a \$1.5 billion dollar company. This success led him to become the first African American to own and operate a billion-dollar business in the United States.** In 1993, his life was cut short due to brain cancer. However, the [Reginald F. Lewis Foundation](#) continues to fulfill **Lewis'** legacy and vision through generous philanthropy. The foundation contributes to the education and advancement for minorities. The foundation started the **Museum of African American History and Culture in Baltimore, Maryland**. Numerous scholarship programs and aid have been given to selected universities and colleges, both domestic and foreign. In 2010, the foundation donated \$1.5 million to **VSU** which led to the College of Business being named the **Reginald F. Lewis College of Business**. [Click Here for more!](#)



**Name:** [Virginia Union University](#)

**Location:** Richmond, Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$21,417\*

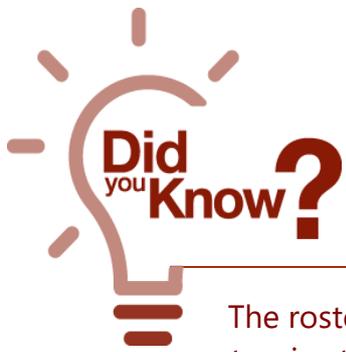
**Virginia Union University's (VUU)** roots go back to 1865 when the American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) came to Richmond, Virginia as teachers and missionaries. The ABHMS established, and was officially holding classes for, Richmond Theological School for Freedmen, one of the four institutions forming the "Union" that gives **VUU** its name. ABHMS proposed a "National Theological Institute" designed primarily at providing education and training for African Americans to enter the Baptist ministry; and soon this mission would expand into offering courses and programs at college, high school, and even preparatory levels, to both men and women.

Today, **Virginia Union University** is a premier liberal arts urban institution of higher education and center of excellence for the preparation of students and the development of leaders for tomorrow's world.

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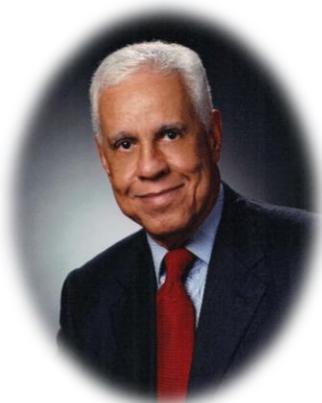
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The roster of distinguished and notable **Virginia Union University** alumni is too extensive to list all. Some notable alumni include **Mamye BaCote**, Bessye J. Bearden, **Leslie Garland Bolling**, Simeon Booker, **Roslyn M. Brock**, Robert Prentiss Daniel, **Will Downing** and Walter Fauntroy. Take a look at the **GREATNESS** that **Virginia Union University** produced on this page and check to see if you recognize anyone!

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**Virginia Union  
University  
Alumni**





**Name:** [Virginia University of Lynchburg](#)

**Location:** Lynchburg, Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Small City

**Net Price:** \$21,489\*



**Name:** [Voorhees College](#)

**Location:** Denmark, South Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$16,542\*

**Virginia University of Lynchburg** is a private Christian HBCU in Lynchburg, Virginia. The university is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools and offers instruction and degrees, primarily in religious studies, including a Doctorate of Ministry program. The campus is a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Virginia University of Lynchburg** seeks to recognize the possibilities in every human being and maximize the gifts of the individual within the context of a thoroughly Christian and nurturing environment, which offers students opportunities to develop into able leaders and scholars.



**Check this out!**

**Voorhees College**, a private liberal arts HBCU affiliated with the Episcopal church, started with Elizabeth Evelyn Wright. A native of Georgia, Wright found her inspiration while studying at **Tuskegee Institute** in Alabama. Knowing the importance of education, she moved to Denmark, South Carolina and started the first of several schools in the rural area.

Wright founded **Denmark Industrial School** in 1897, modeling it after **Tuskegee**. New Jersey philanthropist Ralph Voorhees and his wife donated \$5,000 to buy the land and build the first building, allowing the school to open in 1902. **Voorhees** students today combine intellect and faith as they prepare for professional careers. They learn to thrive in a diverse global society while pursuing life-long learning, healthy living and an abiding faith in God. They aim to improve their communities, society and themselves.

**Check this out!**



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**Name:** [West Virginia State University](#)

**Location:** Institute, West Virginia

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Midsize Suburb

**Net Price:** \$9,657\*

Founded in 1891 as an HBCU, **West Virginia State University (WVSU)** has evolved to serve a population that is richly diverse in ethnicity, geography, commuters, high school graduates and adult learners. With 3,692 students and a student faculty ratio of 14:1, students are able to learn in a comfortable, supportive environment, while experiencing the opportunities associated with a much larger university.

**WVSU** students will tell you that there's a lot to love about their university! Take the next step in your education by discovering the **WVSU** difference. Be part of a campus environment that has a rich history and a culture of active alumni support, while pursuing your dreams with the help of a faculty dedicated to your success.



**Katherine Johnson** was born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia in 1918. By 13, Johnson was attending the high school on the campus of **West Virginia State College**. At 18, she enrolled in the college itself and graduated with highest honors in 1937. She then took a job teaching at a black public school in Virginia. When West Virginia decided to quietly integrate its graduate schools in 1939, West Virginia State's president, Dr. John W. Davis, selected her and two men to be the first black students offered spots at the state's flagship school, **West Virginia University**. In 1952, Johnson learned about open positions at the all-black **West Area Computing Section** at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' (NACA's) Langley laboratory.

The 1957 launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik changed history—and **Johnson's** life. In 1957, she provided some of the math for the 1958 document Notes on Space Technology, a compendium of a series of 1958 lectures given by engineers in the Flight Research Division and the Pilotless Aircraft Research Division. In 1960, she and engineer Ted Skopinski coauthored *Determination of Azimuth Angle at Burnout for Placing a Satellite Over a Selected Earth Position*, a report laying out the equations describing an orbital spaceflight in which the landing position of the spacecraft is specified. **It was the first time a woman in the Flight Research Division had received credit as an author of a research report.** **Johnson** retired in 1986, after 33 years at Langley. **In 2015, at age 97, President Barack Obama awarded Johnson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor.** In 2016, the movie *Hidden Figures* was released based on the book of the same name. *Hidden Figures* chronicled the life of **Johnson** and other black female "computers" of her era.

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# WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

**Name:** [Wilberforce University](#)

**Location:** Wilberforce, Ohio

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural: Fringe

**Net Price:** \$13,014\*

Founded in 1856, **Wilberforce University** is the nation's oldest private HBCU owned and operated by African-Americans. Located in Wilberforce, Ohio, the university represents a bold, audacious, and visionary example of what could happen when men and women of goodwill transcended race and the prevailing social and cultural constructs and norms to pursue a noble purpose.

Its students are the center of the University's existence; respect, spiritual values and commitment to their educational success is the school's priority. Throughout its 163-year history, **Wilberforce University** has demonstrated a formidable spirit of resilience and triumph and has never wavered from its sacred duty to educate and enrich its students. **Wilberforce University** is currently experiencing a renaissance. Excellence, Innovation, and Kindness are the distinguishing hallmarks of the **Wilberforce Renaissance**. At **Wilberforce University**, the renaissance is defined by operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility and strength, and an intentional focus on providing a rich campus engagement experience for every student enrolled.

WATCH THIS  
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# WILEY COLLEGE



**Name:** [Wiley College](#)

**Location:** Marshall, Texas

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Rural

**Net Price:** \$14,139\*

**NEWS  
FLASH**



**Wiley College**, founded in 1873 in Marshall, Texas, is a primarily liberal arts, residential, co-educational, baccalaureate degree-granting HBCU affiliated with The United Methodist Church. Committed to the principle of educational access, the College serves traditional and non-traditional students from diverse backgrounds who have expressed a desire and potential for learning in a Christian environment. The College, in fulfilling its basic purpose of providing a liberal arts education with a global focus, endeavors to provide an intellectually stimulating environment, promoting student competencies in communication as well as critical and analytical thinking.

For the last 137 years, **Wiley** has offered educational opportunities to the citizens of Texas, the nation and the world. The **Wiley College** spirit remains vibrant in the face of remarkable social change, global terrorism, economic strife and adversity. The beacon light that is **Wiley College** will shine forth unsullied for generations to come. The insightful vision of years past that made **Wiley College** a preeminent black college in the south is alive and well.



**Great Debaters take top prize at the 11th Annual Eddie Shell Invitational Debate Tournament at Bossier Parrish Community College, Prepare for postseason competition!**

**The Great Debaters** of **Wiley College** closed out its regular season of competition with some impressive achievements, including taking the win at the *11th Annual Eddie Shell Invitational Debate Tournament* on February 15, 2019. Other schools that participated in the tournament included Mississippi State University, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Stephen F. Austin State University and Abilene Christian University. [Click Here for more!](#)

*The Great Debaters* is a 2007 American biographical drama film directed by and starring **Denzel Washington**. It is based on an article written about the **Wiley College** debate team by **Tony Scherman** for the spring 1997 issue of *American Legacy*. **Based on a true story**, the plot revolves around the efforts of debate coach *Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington)* at **Wiley College**. The real Wiley team instead defeated the University of Southern California, who at the time were the reigning debating champions. Though they beat the reigning champions, **Wiley** was not allowed to officially call themselves victors, because they were not full members of the debate society; blacks were not admitted until after World War II. However, in 2019, **Wiley** returned to their victorious position as rising champions of the debate society!



**Name:** [Winston-Salem State University](#)

**Location:** Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Type:** 4-year, Public

**Campus Setting:** Mid-sized City

**Net Price:** \$11,783\*

**Winston-Salem State University** is a bold, vibrant and diverse academic community that fosters the creative thinking, analytical problem-solving, and depth of character graduates need to transform themselves and their world. These values embody our motto, "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve."

Founded in 1892, **WSSU** enjoys a distinguished reputation as an HBCU constituent of the University of North Carolina that offers a rich curriculum rooted in a high-quality, liberal education. Undergraduate and graduate students can choose from many innovative areas of study designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to develop creative solutions to today's—and tomorrow's—complex problems. **WSSU** is recognized as one of the nation's top universities for social mobility and Best Value in the Southeast for three consecutive years!



**Stephen Anthony Smith** is a sports commentator on **ESPN**. Alongside Max Kellerman, **Smith** is a featured commentator on *ESPN's First Take*, a show reviewing daily sports news. **Smith's** parents came from the United States Virgin Islands. **Smith** was born in the Bronx, New York on October 14, 1967. He was raised in Queens with five other siblings. He attended the Fashion Institute of Technology for one year and was then granted a basketball scholarship to study at **Winston-Salem State University**; which he graduated from in 1991. In college, he wrote for *The New Argus* and published an article saying that his basketball coach, Clarence Gaines, needed to retire. This article shocked a lot of people because Gaines was a revered figure at **Winston-Salem State**. The article, however, also revealed **Smith** as an aspiring journalist who was not afraid to express controversial views. Upon graduation, **Smith** was hired by the *Winston-Salem Journal* and began writing as a clerk in the sports department. He later held reporter positions at the *Greensboro News and Record* and at the *New York Daily News*. But **Smith** spent the most part of his career as a reporter for the *Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Inquirer* for 16 years. He was hired there in 1994 and successively served as an *NBA writer*, an *NBA columnist*, and was eventually promoted in 2003 to the *General Sports Columnist* for the newspaper. That same year, **Smith** decided to join **ESPN** after the television broadcast network contacted him. In 2010, he resumed his columnist activity for the newspaper. In 2014, he started his own daily show, *The Stephen A. Smith Show*. It was first aired in New York and Los Angeles, California. *Since January 2018, it is broadcast nation-wide*. **Smith** has also been featured in a morning show on Fox Radio Sports. He's mainly known for his contribution to *ESPN's First Take* which he joined permanently in 2012.

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Founded in 1925, **Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA)** has the distinction of being the only Roman Catholic HBCU. It is also the only HBCU founded by a saint, as Katharine Drexel was canonized in 2000. **Xavier** is located in New Orleans, Louisiana and offers the attention and support offered at a smaller university balanced with the character and fun found in the Big Easy.

**Name:** [Xavier University of](#)

[Louisiana](#)

**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Type:** 4-year, Private

**Campus Setting:** Large City

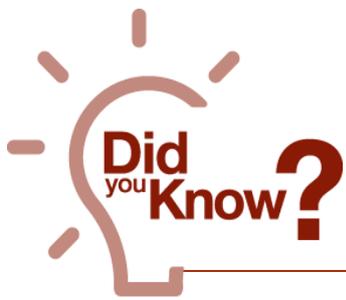
**Net Price:** \$18,794\*

**Xavier** is known for its pre-med, pharmacy and dual-degree engineering programs. **Xavier** routinely ranks number one among American colleges and universities in placing black students in medical school. They also have early assurance agreements with seven medical schools (Tulane University, University of Rochester, St. Louis University, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Penn State and Baylor College of Medicine). **Xavier's** pharmacy program places in the top four colleges of pharmacy graduating Black students with a PharmD.



**The first African American to become the U.S. Secretary of Labor, Alexis M. Herman** was born in Mobile, Alabama, on July 16, 1947. Her mother was a teacher in Mobile and her father was the first black politician elected in the South since Reconstruction. **Herman** attended **Xavier University in New Orleans**, where she became a member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** **Herman** began her career in 1969 as a social worker for Catholic Charities, developing employment training opportunities for unemployed youth. From there, she was hired by the Department of Labor. At age twenty-nine, **Herman** became the youngest person to hold the position of Director of the Women's Bureau, and while there, **Herman** pressured Delta Airlines and Coca-Cola to hire female professionals. It was also during this time that she met future President Bill Clinton. She formed A.M. *Herman & Associates* in 1981, advising state and local governments on labor markets until 1989. She also later became the National Director of the Minority Women Employment Program of R-T-P, Inc., where she established programs to place minority women in white-collar and nontraditional jobs.

Returning to government service in 1989, **Herman** joined the Democratic National Committee as chief of staff on the suggestion of longtime friend Ron Brown, and by 1992 was the CEO of the Democratic National Convention. After Clinton's election in 1992, Herman was appointed assistant to the president and director of the White House Public Liaison Office in 1993. When Clinton was reelected, he appointed her the twenty-third secretary of labor. Her appointment was not without controversy, however, as many labor leaders did not support her. Later, **Herman** would be implicated in one of the improper fundraisers held at the White House. She weathered both of these storms unscathed, continuing to fight for minority and women's rights in the workplace.



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15 of the 25 **Past National Presidents of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated** are alumnae of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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Dorothy Pelham Beckley\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> National President  
1923 — 1926  
**Howard University**



Helen Elsie Austin\*  
8<sup>th</sup> National President  
1939 — 1944  
**Wilberforce University**



Dorothy Penman Harrison\*  
11<sup>th</sup> National President  
1956 — 1958  
**Fisk University**



Jeanne Laveta Noble\*  
12<sup>th</sup> National President  
1958 — 1963  
**Howard University**



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13<sup>th</sup> National President  
1963 — 1967  
**Talladega College**



Frankie Muse Freeman\*  
14<sup>th</sup> National President  
1967 — 1971  
**Hampton University**

\*Deceased



Lillian Pierce Benbow\*  
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1971 — 1975

**Lemoyne-Owen College**



Thelma Thomas Daley  
16<sup>th</sup> National President  
1975 — 1979

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1979 — 1983

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Mechanical University**



Hortense Golden Canady\*  
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1983 — 1988

**Fisk University**



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1988 — 1992

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1992 — 1996

**Johnson C. Smith University**



Gwendolyn E. Boyd  
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2000 — 2004

**Alabama State University**



Louise Allen Rice  
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**Tuskegee University**



Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre  
24<sup>th</sup> National President  
2008 — 2013

**Dillard University**

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# STUDENT LIFE **ACTIVITIES**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The Honda Battle of the Bands** was created to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of Black college marching bands and the unique academic experience offered by **HBCUs**. Honda annually awards approximately \$200,000 in grants to participating marching bands during the program period.

[Learn More about HBCU Bands Here!](#)



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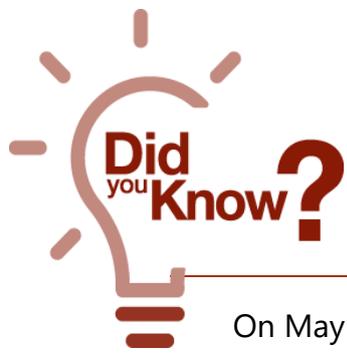


## **The Impact of Black Greek-Letter Sororities and Fraternities on Society is Unparalleled!**

**Black Greek-letter sororities and fraternities** have been a pivotal part of African American history and culture since the early 20th century. Primarily launched on HBCU campuses, these organizations have been a central resource for support and service in the educational advancement and strengthening of social bonds among black students, entrepreneurs and professionals, especially when the organizations expanded to majority white institutions of higher learning. Also, they were a way to combat racism, as many campus organization memberships were exclusionary to students and professionals of color.

The pioneer black Greek-letter organizations have become known as **The Divine Nine**, and among their ranks have been some of the most influential leaders of color in healthcare, fashion, business, global affairs, politics and more. Among the ranks of black fraternities are leaders from **W. E. B. DuBois, Martin Luther King Jr., and Al Sharpton** to **Hill Harper, Al Roker, Emmitt Smith, Robert Johnson**, and hundreds of thousands more. **Divine Nine sororities** boast an impressive roster of members as well; from **Shirley Chisholm** and **Loretta Lynch** to **Nikki Giovanni, Soledad O'Brien, MC Lyte**, and many more.

Since these nine were started and incorporated, membership has spread globally, with chapters in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa. Their impact is also widespread professionally and financially, as they have contributed millions to uplift communities, send students to college via scholarships and support professionals in both corporate America and entrepreneurship via mentorship and sponsorship. [Click Here for more!](#)



On May 10, 1930, on the campus of **Howard University**, in Washington DC, the **National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)** was formed as a permanent organization with the following charter members: **Omega Psi Phi** and **Kappa Alpha Psi** Fraternities, and **Alpha Kappa Alpha**, **Delta Sigma Theta** and **Zeta Phi Beta Sororities**. In 1931, **Alpha Phi Alpha** and **Phi Beta Sigma** Fraternities joined the Council. **Sigma Gamma Rho** Sorority joined in 1937 and **Iota Phi Theta** Fraternity completed the list of member organizations in 1997. **Check out the following pages that show Black Greek-Letter Sororities and Fraternities doing the REAL WORK!**



**NPHC Organizations are COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE** and support academic excellence between members and the general student body by providing scholarships, study breaks and other programs. In addition to providing a social outlet, NPHC organizations also provide a variety of programs designed to enrich the cultural experience of students, fraternities and sororities respectively.









The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.* is pleased to present the inaugural publication of the "**PGCAC Interactive HBCU Directory.**" This resource was created to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of **Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)**. The purpose of this directory is to introduce students and HBCU supporters to the historical importance, undying excellence, and invaluable presence of **HBCUs** to the **economic ecosystem of black society**.

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