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*Please read this material, study the websites, and use your guidance office resources
to learn more about the schools that interest you.*

*Then join us on **October 2, 2014**, so that you can talk with, and ask questions of,
the recruiters themselves.*

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Alabama A&M University

Normal, Alabama

Founded 1875

<http://www.aamu.edu>

Founded as a land-grant* university, Alabama A&M is located in Normal, a northern Alabama city in the Huntsville metro area. It is one of three HBCUs offering a baccalaureate degree in city planning and one of 10 universities in the nation with a nationally accredited program in urban planning. In addition to preprofessional majors in medicine and veterinary science, the university offers a combined engineering degree with Georgia Tech. Minors are available in most subjects, as are dual degrees and double majors. This university of 4,853 students has over 300 full-time faculty members and is noted for its emphasis on teacher education.

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Alabama State University

Montgomery, Alabama

Founded 1867

<http://www.alasu.edu>

Alabama State University, home to 5,816 students, is a publicly supported coeducational institution. Its location in the state capital has contributed greatly to the university's mission of supporting the business and commerce of the state. The university is a nonsectarian (no religious requirement or affiliation) institution that offers cooperative programs in engineering (with Auburn University), medical lab technology (with University of Alabama) and numerous certifications in teaching disciplines. Alabama State is known for outstanding academics in teacher education, mass communications, accounting, business, and biology. Extracurricular activities, available in more than 60 student organizations, include a science club, marching band, gospel choir and the Christian Student Association.

Albany State University

Albany, Georgia

Founded 1903

<http://www.asurams.edu/>

ASU has a population of 4,275; there are six residence halls for students who live on campus. Students can earn a bachelor's, master's, or education specialist degree. Of the undergraduate degree programs, the most popular majors are biology, criminal justice, computer science, education management, and nursing. The unique *First & Second Year Experience* consists of Freshman Seminar Program, Peer Tutorial Program and Book Club Program. The school has Army ROTC. Students engage in social activities through bands, choirs, religious groups, honor societies, and sororities and fraternities. In intercollegiate sports, the school belongs to NCAA Division II.

Alcorn State University

Alcorn State, Mississippi

Founded 1871

<http://www.alcorn.edu>

The campus of ASU, which is about midway between Vicksburg and Natchez, features century-old trees but the latest technology, a chapel on the National Register of Historic Places but a new science and math building. ASU's 3,950 students can choose from seven schools and degree programs in 50 areas, including a nursing program. They can participate in more than 40 clubs and organizations, including a renowned gospel choir and one of the largest marching bands in the country. There are 18 intercollegiate men's and women's athletic teams.

Allen University

Columbia, South Carolina

Founded 1870

<http://www.allenuniversity.edu>

Allen University was the first institution of higher education in South Carolina founded by African-Americans for the express purpose of educating African-Americans. It is a Christian Liberal Arts institution that is strongly committed to teaching and community service. Following a curriculum that has been "carefully customized to train the whole person," 672 students prepare for bachelors degrees in biology, business administration, chemistry, education, English, mathematics, music, religion, and social studies. Students participate in sports through baseball, basketball, cross country, football, tennis, and track and field.

Arkansas Baptist College

Little Rock, Arkansas

Founded 1884

<http://www.arkansasbaptist.edu/>

Arkansas Baptist is a small, four-year, private, coed, liberal arts college. As a church-affiliated institution, Arkansas Baptist provides a liberal arts program in a Christian-centered environment. The college programs are designed to develop the academic, social, and spiritual potential of each of its students. The Arkansas Baptist Collegiate Choir, which is one of the major activities, has performed in many states. The Student Union and Game Room is the center of much of the campus activity for the approximately 2,000 students. Cultural and recreational events are available in the Little Rock metropolitan area.

Barber-Scotia College

Concord, North Carolina

Founded 1867

<http://www.b-sc.edu/>

Barber-Scotia College is the oldest historically black Presbyterian school. It is a fully accredited, four-year, coeducational institution, open to people of all racial, ethnic, and religious affiliation who seek a quality educational experience. B.S.C. offers four B.A. majors and seven B.S. majors through its four academic divisions. Students can participate in both intercollegiate and intramural sports, and can develop leadership and social skills through a number of student organizations.

Benedict College

Columbia, South Carolina

Founded 1870

<http://www.benedict.edu/>

Benedict College, an independent, coeducational, private institution, was founded by the Baptist Church. The college offers bachelor degree programs in 28 major areas of study. The programs provide diversified educational experiences to challenge different levels of academic abilities. Although not now governed by the church, there continues to be a supportive relationship. The college, with 2,921 students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs, exists to serve students in an environment that fosters academic proficiency.

Bennett College

Greensboro, North Carolina

Founded 1873

<http://www.bennett.edu/>

Bennett College is a private, four-year, liberal arts institution for women that is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The goal of Bennett College is to maintain distinction as an institution of higher learning while offering women an education conducive to excellence in scholarly pursuits and preparation for

leadership roles and lifelong learning in a contemporary society. The college offers selected education, training, and research experiences appropriate for preparation in the arts and sciences, professional careers, and public service. Bennett's sororities are a strong influence on campus, and most sorority members (especially AKAs) remain active in postgraduate life. The college is unique in its emphasis on the sciences, particularly in its dual degree programs in engineering and mathematics with North Carolina A&P and in nursing sciences. In the 100+ years of history of Bennett College, its small enrollment has allowed it to develop the leadership and educational qualities that have distinguished its over 5,000 graduates in all the major professions and services.

Bethune-Cookman University

Daytona Beach, Florida

Founded 1904

<http://www.cookman.edu/>

Bethune-Cookman is a historically black, coeducational institution founded by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. B-CU achieved University status in 2007 with the launch of a master's degree program in transformative leadership. It offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in 37 major areas through its Business, Education, Humanities, Nursing, Science/Mathematics, and Social Studies divisions. There are 3,543 undergraduate students: though more than half come from Florida, they represent most U.S. states, the Caribbean Islands, and 35 other countries. Students have opportunities to study abroad in France, Germany, and Spain and to take advantage of co-op programs, internships, and extensive career development opportunities. Bethune-Cookman offers a variety of intercollegiate and intramural sports teams, music opportunities, fraternities and sororities, and other social activities.

Bowie State University

Bowie, Maryland

Founded 1865

<http://www.bowiestate.edu>

Bowie State prepares students for "life—lifelong learning, lifelong leadership, lifelong teaching, and lifelong success." The school is in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The 5,421 students can choose from 23 undergraduate majors. Bowie State's advanced research facilities include one of the world's 100 most powerful supercomputers and a satellite operations control center managed in conjunction with NASA. Students can participate in over 40 activities and clubs, including Gospel Choir, Forensic Club, Computer Technology Club, Entrepreneurship Club, Good Brothers, Inc., and WGBU Radio. A new 95,000 square-foot student center opened in August 2013.

Central State University

Wilberforce, Ohio

Founded 1887

<http://www.centralstate.edu>

Central State, which has approximately 2,152 students, is about 15 miles east of Dayton. In addition to numerous majors leading to bachelor's degrees, the school offers preprofessional programs in law, medicine, veterinary science, and dentistry. CSU boasts a 100% job placement rate through their manufacturing engineering program. It offers Army ROTC on campus and Air Force ROTC through Wright State University. Central State has both men's and women's varsity sports. Other extracurricular activities place a strong emphasis on concert/jazz band, choirs, marching band, drama groups, and sororities and fraternities.

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Cheyney, Pennsylvania

Founded 1837

<http://www.cheyney.edu>

Cheyney University, the “first historically black institution of higher education,” is located 25 miles west of Philadelphia. It is a comprehensive, coeducational, public institution that grants degrees in more than 30 programs leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science in Education. The most popular majors are education, social sciences and history, and business management. Most of the 1,284 students live in campus housing, including a new residence hall that opened last year. Cheyney offers a variety of intercollegiate, intramural, club, and recreational sports. Students have the opportunity to join four fraternities or sororities and many other social and cultural organizations.

Claflin University
Orangeburg, South Carolina
Founded 1869
<http://www.claflin.edu>

Claflin retains its historical commitment to educate students of diverse backgrounds and preparation without regard to gender, race, religion, or ethnic origin. It is a private, coeducational, historically black institution that is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Two of the first five African-American women in the nation to receive college degrees, and the first African American to be certified as an architect, were Claflin graduates. Today the 1,946 students select majors from 12 academic departments grouped into 4 divisions: the most popular majors are biology/biological sciences and elementary education and teaching. All students complete the university’s Freshman College Program. A new student complex with state-of-the-art amenities is under construction and is scheduled to be completed in August 2014.

Clark Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
Founded 1988
<http://www.cau.edu>

Clark Atlanta University, the largest of the United Negro College Fund institutions, is part of the College Network in Atlanta, Georgia, which includes Spelman and Morehouse. Clark was founded as a consolidation of Atlanta University and Clark College. The university offers its 3,419 students degree programs from four-year degrees to such terminal degrees as doctoral programs in business administration, political science, and social work. There are preprofessional programs in medicine and pharmacy. In addition to other academic and professional organizations on campus, Clark Atlanta has a particularly outstanding program in the Philharmonic Society Jazz Orchestra. The Clark Atlanta University Center for Entrepreneurship and its Library and Information Science Group are also noteworthy.

Coppin State University
Baltimore, Maryland
Founded 1900
<http://www.coppin.edu>

The school was named in 1926 as the Fanny Jackson Coppin Normal School to honor an outstanding African-American woman who was a pioneer in teacher education. It is now part of the University System of Maryland. On this urban campus, there nearly 4,000 students earning degrees in the Divisions of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Nursing. The athletic department, which believes that “the student athlete is first and foremost a student,” offers five men’s and six women’s varsity sports. Through its Career Development and Cooperative Education Center, Coppin State provides students with career information and stimulates the awareness of the need for early career planning.

Delaware State University
Dover, Delaware
Founded 1891
<http://www.desu.edu>

Delaware State University strives to ensure that each of its 4,324 undergraduate students has an

opportunity for freedom of expression and inquiry, intensive instruction in the classroom, cultural activities, and informal events. DSU offers 52 undergraduate degrees, 25 graduate degrees, and five doctoral programs. Among these are undergraduate programs in airway science, computer science, and mass communications. The airway science program, certified by the Federal Aviation Administration, is the only comprehensive program with its own fleet of aircraft at a historically black college or university. In addition, DSU offers a wide variety of extra-curricular and volunteer opportunities to enrich and balance your college experience.

Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana
Founded 1869
<http://www.dillard.edu>

Dillard is a private, undergraduate university related to the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. Its 1,307 students work towards their degrees in both day and evening programs. The school offers 22 academic majors across seven departments and schools. First-year students participate in the two-day S.O.A.R. program (Student Orientation, Advisement, and Registration). This program is designed to assist students as they make the transition to university life. After surviving the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Dillard University immediately began rebuilding the historic campus. New buildings include a Student Union, Health and Wellness Center and two LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmentally Design) gold-certified buildings. In athletics, Dillard is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and offers seven men's and women's varsity sports.

Edward Waters College
Jacksonville, Florida
Founded 1866
<http://www.ewc.edu>

Edward Waters College, founded by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the "oldest independent institution of higher learning in Florida." This small liberal arts college offers its 839 students undergraduate majors through programs in the arts, sciences, business, and education. The college has strong programs in computer science, accounting, public administration, education, and criminal justice. It offers a dual degree in engineering with the University of Miami. In September 2012, EWC unveiled "Success Park", a community park located on the campus. A 2.6 million dollar Criminal Justice Education Facility and Police Substation is scheduled to be completed in October 2013.

Elizabeth City State University
Elizabeth City, North Carolina
Founded 1891
<http://www.ecsu.edu>

ECSU, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, has a rich heritage and an increasingly multicultural student body. "By providing a challenging, student-centered learning environment, the university prepares its students for responsible participation and leadership in an ever-changing world." The coed university has an enrollment of 2,759 undergraduate students. It offers 37 baccalaureate degrees through four schools: Arts and Humanities; Business and Economics; Education and Psychology; and Mathematics, Science, and Technology. Of interest to both students and the public, and part of the Marine Environmental Science Program, is the half-mile long boardwalk in the Dismal Swamp! There is a unique level of involvement with the arts. Programs in broadcasting, fine and applied arts, and music are available. There are over 50 clubs and organizations. In sports, ECSU is a CIAA Division II school.

Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Founded 1867
<http://www.uncfsu.edu>

FSU, the second-oldest public institution of higher education in North Carolina, has embarked on a \$46 million campus construction and renovation campaign. The 6,060 full- and part-time FSU students form a diverse community and study for degrees from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Business and Economics, and the School of Education. There are many opportunities for activities outside the classroom through student government, Greek-letter organizations, and departmental clubs and organizations. The school is home to Detachment 607 of the Air Force ROTC. Bronco athletic teams participate through the CIAA Conference.

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee
Founded 1866
<http://www.fisk.edu>

Founded in 1866, Fisk University is one of America's finest institutions of higher education. While the University has a strong foundation in the liberal arts, they pride themselves in their contribution to the nation's ranks of great scientists and businesspersons. During the 147-year legacy, they have consistently produced graduates with the intellectual and ethical aptitude to constructively engage and change the world. Admission to Fisk is, and traditionally has been, selective. Today's entering students are typically ranked in the top fifth of their high school classes; almost all rank in the top half. Fisk's enrollment (620) has been growing in recent years, although the University remains deliberately small and cultivates a family feeling on its campus. Fisk has been recognized for its success in graduating students by the Chronicle of Higher Education, Princeton Review's Best 373 Colleges, US News & World Report, Forbes, Money Magazine, and Washington Monthly.

Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, Florida
Founded 1887
<http://www.famu.edu>

Florida A&M University offers its 12,057 students 54 bachelor's degrees, 28 master's degrees, three professional degrees, and 12 doctoral degrees offered within the university's 13 schools and colleges and one institute. The school recently ranked number one in producing black teachers. The university is one of nine institutions in Florida's State University System. Students can participate in a large number of fraternities, sororities, career-related societies, musical groups, and political clubs. Since this school is in Florida, it's not surprising that one of the varsity sports is swimming! The 2013 football season will be the 108th year of varsity football at Florida A&M.

Florida Memorial University
Miami, Florida
Founded 1879
<http://www.fmuniv.edu>

Florida Memorial University is affiliated with the Baptist Church. It is known as the birthplace of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." It is the only HBCU in the southern part of Florida. The approximately 2,000 students that are enrolled include international students representing 41 different countries. There are 41 undergraduate degree programs. FMU graduates have the sixth highest starting salaries in the state. Florida Memorial University is dedicated to the transmission and preservation of African-American history and heritage.

Fort Valley State University
Fort Valley, Georgia
Founded 1895
<http://www.fvsu.edu>

Fort Valley State University is a public, comprehensive, land-grant institution that has served Georgia and the nation for over 100 years. Following both the liberal arts and the land-grant traditions, the university

provides diversified and challenging programs to meet educational needs resulting from societal changes. The three major colleges are the College of Agriculture, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Education. Fort Valley State's cooperative development energy program, the only program of its kind in the nation, prepares students for energy-industry careers in science and geology. An Undergraduate Research Program and an Honors Program were established last year for high achievers. There are more than 70 student organizations and activities available for the 3,568 students enrolled. Most of the buildings have been constructed in the past 25 years, and now fiber-optic cable links every major building on campus.

Grambling State University

Grambling, Louisiana

Founded 1901

<http://www.gram.edu>

Grambling State University is a state-supported, coeducational institution that was originally created for the purpose of meeting the educational, cultural, and social needs of the black citizens of the north central region of the state of Louisiana. Grambling State University adheres to the philosophy that education is the cornerstone of a creative, enlightened, participative, and responsive society. The university offers its 5,277 students more than 800 courses and 50 degree programs in five colleges, including an honors college, two professional schools, a graduate school, and a Division of Continuing Education. Students can also participate in Army and Air Force ROTC. Grambling offers a wide range of intramural sports activities and is well known for its varsity sports teams, especially its football program.

Hampton University

Hampton, Virginia

Founded 1868

<http://www.hamptonu.edu>

Emancipation Oak, on the campus of Hampton University, was the site of the first Southern reading of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The National Geographic Society has designated this tree as one of the Ten Great Trees of the World. The curriculum emphasis for the 5,221 students is "scientific and professional with a strong liberal arts under girding." Hampton University offers 68 undergraduate programs, 27 master's degree programs, six doctoral degree programs, and two specialist in education degrees. At the top of the "most popular" majors are biology and psychology. Nearly two-thirds of the students come from out of state and live on campus. Fifteen different sports teams represent the Pirates in intercollegiate athletics.

Harris-Stowe State University

St. Louis, Missouri

Founded in 1857

<http://www.hssu.edu>

Harris-Stowe had its beginnings as a normal school that was the first public teacher education institution west of the Mississippi. The current institution, a commuter college with an enrollment of 2,000, is considered "The best kept secret in metropolitan St. Louis." Students earn degrees through the departments of Business Administration, Teacher Education, Urban Specialization, Arts and Science, and Continuing Education. Intercollegiate sports opportunities are offered through men's and women's basketball, soccer, and track and field as well as baseball (men) and volleyball (women).

Howard University

Washington, D.C.

Founded 1867

<http://www.howard.edu>

10,583 students from all over the U.S. and many countries can choose undergraduate majors and

advanced degrees from 12 schools and colleges. Howard has a major journalism school, The John H. Johnson School of Journalism. Except for local students, all first-year students live in campus housing. There are computer centers in every residence hall. Recently 13 SMARTClassrooms were installed on campus to bring the latest technology into the teaching and learning experience. When not in class, students can choose activities from among 150 clubs and organizations. Howard operates a public television station, WHUT-TV, and radio stations WHUR-FM and WHBC-AM. Howard participates in NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics and the Intramural Program offers a wide variety of individual and team sports.

Huston-Tillotson University

Austin, Texas

Founded 1875

<http://www.htu.edu>

The coeducational college resulted from a merger in 1952 of Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College, and officially changed its name to Huston-Tillotson University in 2005. Its three-story Old Administration Building, built by Tillotson students in 1913, is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The college's mission is to provide its 904 students "with an exemplary education that is grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, balanced with professional development, and directed to public service and leadership." The academic divisions are Liberal Studies, Professional Studies, and Science and Technology. There is a joint Science and Engineering Program with Prairie View A&M. Student athletes compete in the Red River Conference in baseball, basketball, soccer, track and field, and volleyball.

Jackson State University

Jackson, Mississippi

Founded 1877

<http://www.jsums.edu>

Jackson State University is known as "Mississippi's Urban University." The university's mission is to develop responsible leaders who can deal with human social and technological problems, especially in metropolitan and urban areas. It offers preprofessional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, and veterinary science. There are combined degree programs in math and chemistry with Caltech, Georgia Tech, and Mississippi State University. It is the only HBCU that offers a bachelor's degree in meteorology. JSU's 9,134 students can participate in 60 registered organizations and both men's and women's varsity and club sports. A new state-of-the-art Campus Union Building opened in 2008.

Jarvis Christian College

Hawkins, Texas

Founded 1912

<http://www.jarvis.edu>

The 603 students at Jarvis, which is affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, get degrees through the Divisions of Arts & Sciences, Education, and Business Administration. Jarvis has a new partnership with The Washington Center that will allow more of their students to study in the Nation's Capital and also to study in other countries. The campus, 100 miles east of Dallas, is undergoing upgrades in their state of the art labs, full technology classrooms, and Student Activity Center. The 30 registered clubs, teams, and organizations include academic and religious clubs, national honor societies, and fraternities and sororities. Students interested in music can participate in Concert Choir, Gospel Choir, or Jazz Ensemble. Jarvis Christian College hosts a number of varsity sports for both men and women.

Johnson C. Smith University

Charlotte, North Carolina

Founded 1867

<http://www.jcsu.edu>

Founded in 1867, Johnson C. Smith University provides each of its 1,669 students with a laptop during the beginning of the school year providing them with complete access to a campus-wide network and Internet through wireless connectivity. Located in the rapidly growing metropolis of Charlotte, North Carolina, "Queen City of the South," this historically African-American university has a large residential campus with a familial atmosphere. There are pre-professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, and pharmacy. The colleges and programs that constitute the university are Arts and Sciences, Professional Studies, Honors College, Liberal Studies Program, and Military Program. In 2011, the JCSU Arts Factory, an innovative teaching and performance facility for students majoring in visual and performing arts, opened its doors. The Center for Freshman through Senior Year Experience provides hands-on services to address both academic and social adjustment needs of students. The student center underwent a complete transformation and reopened in 2009 featuring a pizza café, Wii systems, pool tables, lounge areas, a performance stage, and more.

Kentucky State University

Frankfort, Kentucky

Founded 1886

<http://www.kysu.edu>

Kentucky State University has evolved from a normal school for training black teachers to a land-grant institution with a unique Aquaculture Program (rearing of aquatic organisms under controlled or semi-controlled conditions). KSU focuses on liberal studies and is the smallest of Kentucky's public universities with 2,524 students and 155 full-time instructional faculty members. The school offers 21 baccalaureate, six associate, and two master's degree programs. Students can participate in the activities of four fraternities; four sororities; a number of social and service clubs; concerts, convocations, and lectures; and intramural and intercollegiate sports.

Knoxville College

Knoxville, Tennessee

Founded 1875

<http://knoxvillecollege.edu>

Since its founding, Knoxville College has had a relationship with the Presbyterian Church. Many of the early buildings were built by students, using bricks fired in the college kiln. In fact, the buildings are designated as the Knoxville College Historic District. Knoxville has a rich tradition of graduates going on to become professionals in education, law, medicine, science, engineering, and the arts. In 1997, the college reclaimed a work program that had been active into the 1920s. All students must participate in the program, which, at the third and fourth levels, provides experience through paid internships and cooperative education positions. In addition to work and study, students can participate in intercollegiate and intramural sports, in Greek-letter organizations, and in drama and other clubs.

Lane College

Jackson, Tennessee

Founded 1882

<http://www.lanecollege.edu>

Lane College is a small, private, coeducational, Methodist Church-related institution. Its liberal arts curriculum leads its 1,512 students to baccalaureate degrees in the arts and sciences. Most students live on campus. The college views its students as "clients, life-long learners, and future leaders" and its faculty as "life-long learning facilitators who utilize technology as an integral part of the teaching/learning process." Students can participate in a number of clubs and organizations, fraternities and sororities, and varsity and intramural sports.

Langston University

Langston, Oklahoma

Founded 1897

<http://www.langston.edu/>

1,742 undergraduates attend Oklahoma's only HBCU. Langston offers 40 academic programs, including a professional program of nursing, which lead to associate and baccalaureate degrees. There is also a graduate program leading to a master's in education. Langston participates in intercollegiate sports in football, basketball, and track. There are abundant opportunities for students to interact through the various social and cultural organizations on campus.

LeMoyne-Owen College

Memphis, Tennessee

Founded 1862

<http://www.loc.edu>

LeMoyne College and Owen College merged in 1968 to form the present institution, which wants to give its 1,078 students "a liberal arts education with career training in a Christian setting." Students study for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees. In recent years, LeMoyne-Owen students involved in the International Studies Program have had an opportunity to study in Israel, Great Britain, France, Spain, Japan, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. There are a number of academic and professional organizations as well as performing arts, Honor Society, Greek-letter organizations and special interest groups. Intercollegiate sports opportunities exist in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, softball, tennis, and volleyball.

Lincoln University of Missouri

Jefferson City, Missouri

Founded 1866

<http://www.lincolnu.edu>

Lincoln University was founded by the enlisted men and officers of the Civil War's 62nd and 65th Colored Infantries to address the specific educational needs of freed black Americans. Though committed to its historic roots, it now serves a broad population of 3,300 full- and part-time students who reflect various social, economic, education, and cultural backgrounds. The university offers 50 programs or major areas of study and nine undergraduate degrees: Associate of Arts, of Applied Science, and of Science; Bachelor of Arts, of Music Education, and of Liberal Studies; Bachelor of Science, of Science in Education, and of Science in Nursing. The women of Lincoln's intercollegiate track team are former NCAA Division II Indoor Track Champions and Outdoor Track Champions.

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania

Lincoln University, Pennsylvania

Founded 1854

<http://www.lincoln.edu>

Since its founding, Lincoln has provided education of the highest possible quality to students with promise, potential, and the determination to succeed. Today, as it endeavors to continue this tradition, the university maintains a challenging curriculum and a first-rate faculty for its 2,101 students. Lincoln embraces the classic concept of a university that recognizes the primacy of the institution's three historic purposes: (1) to teach honestly, and without fear of censure, what humankind has painfully and persistently learned about the environment and people; (2) to preserve this knowledge for the future; and (3) to add to this store of knowledge. Study Abroad programs exist in Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Taiwan, and Russia, and exceptional language programs support these activities.

Livingstone College

Salisbury, North Carolina

Founded 1879

<http://www.livingstone.edu>

Livingstone, a coeducational, residential college, is largely supported by the African Methodist Episcopal
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(A.M.E.) Zion Church. The college consists of two schools—the College of Arts and Sciences and Hood Theological Seminary, a graduate school of theology. The 1,111 students participate in a number of extracurricular activities, including marching and jazz bands, concert choir, debating, Pan-Hellenic council, and social welfare action group. The school is an NCAA Division II participant in intercollegiate athletics. The sports management program is popular as are the dual-degree programs in engineering, chemistry, and law. One campus building, Heritage Hall, is well known for its collection of artifacts from Africa and the Caribbean Islands.

Martin University

Indianapolis, IN

Founded 1977

<http://www.martin.edu/>

Martin University is not considered a historically black college/university since it was founded in 1977, too late to be designated an HBCU. The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission with a status of “On Notice” and is expected to reaffirm their accreditation this year. Martin University offers bachelor degrees in majors ranging from Biology to Environmental Science to Liberal Arts to its 1,000 students. A new “Pathway to Opportunity” program was recently announced to help promising Indiana Public Schools graduates who receive waivers.

Miles College

Fairfield, Alabama

Founded 1905

<http://www.miles.edu>

Miles is a senior, liberal arts, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church-related institution that takes pride in the tradition of the HBC by motivating and directing its students to seek holistic development that leads to intellectual, ethical, spiritual and service-oriented lives. The school offers 28 bachelor degree programs in six academic divisions to their 1,634 students. Miles is a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) higher learning institution. The college, that is located in the Birmingham metropolitan area, nearly doubled in land size in 2006 by purchasing a new 41 acre campus adjacent to the existing campus.

Mississippi Valley State University

Itta Bena, Mississippi

Founded 1950

<http://www.mvsu.edu>

Upon its founding, the expressed purpose of MVSU, located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, was to train teachers for rural and elementary schools and to provide vocational training. The major function of the institution is teaching its 2,279 students, but research and public service are also very important as the university attempts to have an impact on the educational, economic, and cultural development of the region. The university grants Bachelor's degrees of Arts, of Science, of Music Education, and of Social Work and the Master of Science degree. Students can participate in eight Greek-letter organizations, 44 clubs and organizations, intramural and recreational sports, and 10 varsity sports.

Morehouse College

Atlanta, Georgia

Founded 1867

<http://www.morehouse.edu>

There may be no better-known, primarily African-American institution in the world than Morehouse College. Morehouse is the nation's only private, historically black, four-year, liberal arts college for men. The beautiful campus in downtown Atlanta also houses Morehouse Research Institute and the *Journal of Negro History*. The 2,377 Morehouse students represent 40 states and 14 countries. They have a choice

of 27 majors leading to either the B.A. or the B.S. degree. One unique opportunity they have is to participate with students from all over the country and the world in the Semester at Sea program. There are several other Study Abroad opportunities as well as dual-degree programs in engineering and architecture.

Morgan State University

Baltimore Maryland

Founded 1867

<http://www.morgan.edu>

Morgan ranks highest among Maryland institutions for graduating African-American scientists and engineers. 7,952 men and women are enrolled, and these students come from all 50 states and many foreign countries. They can choose from more than 43 academic programs that lead to the bachelor's degree, 29 that lead to a master's degree, and 14 that lead to the doctoral degree. The university has been designated as Maryland's Public Urban University, which means that it has special responsibilities to address the needs of the residents, schools, and organizations of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Morgan, a founding member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, has produced two members of the NFL Hall of Fame and a number of other professional football players.

Morris College

Sumter, South Carolina

Founded 1908

<http://www.morris.edu/>

Morris College, under the ownership of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, has a student body of about 1,000. The college is an accredited, four-year, coeducational, residential, liberal arts institution. The academic program is offered through six divisions and 19 major areas of study: the most popular majors are business administration, management, and criminal justice/law enforcement administration. Degrees offered are Bachelor of Arts, of Fine Arts, of Science, and of Science in Education. The college supports intercollegiate teams for men and women in a variety of sports and has over 50 student organizations.

Norfolk State University

Norfolk, Virginia

Founded 1935

<http://www.nsu.edu>

Norfolk State University is home to 7,100 students and is the largest public HBCU in Virginia and the seventh-largest HBCU in the nation. NSU offers two associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees in 30 disciplines, 16 master's degrees and three doctoral degree programs. There is an Army ROTC unit. The L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center is one of the area's newest concert halls. Student athletes participate in baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball. A long list of student organizations indicates that there's "something for everyone" in the way of extracurricular activities. The First Year Experience department offers support services and programs to help with personal, academic, and social aspects of going from high school to college.

North Carolina A&T State University

Greensboro, North Carolina

Founded 1891

<http://www.ncat.edu>

In the center of the North Carolina Piedmont area, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University offers an education to 10,636 students through six schools and two colleges. NC A&T SU offers 117 undergraduate degree programs, more than 58 master's degree programs, and several Ph.D. programs. In the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the largest such school among all HBCUs,

students can be a part of the only accredited landscape architecture undergraduate program in North Carolina. Those who would rather build buildings can study architectural engineering in the College of Engineering. This NCAA Division I school is home to the Aggies.

North Carolina Central University

Durham, North Carolina

Founded 1910

<http://www.nccu.edu>

NCCU encourages and expects both its faculty and students to engage in scholarly, creative, and service activities that benefit the global community. The 8,604 students participate in the innovative Community Services Program. In order to meet a university requirement of 15 hours of community service per semester, students serve as tutors in local schools, help build Habitat homes, and assist with a wide variety of youth program and service agencies. The school's marching band, concert band, and pep band are known collectively as The Sound Machine. In addition to this energetic group, there are other music organizations available as well as social and academic clubs.

Oakwood University

Huntsville, Alabama

Founded 1896

<http://www.oakwood.edu>

Oakwood was founded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Today there are 2,019 students from 40 states and many foreign countries. Sixty percent of the faculty hold earned doctorate degrees. Students choose from among 47 majors in 15 departments to study for their bachelor's and associate degrees. Oakwood is among the top 10 colleges providing black applicants to medical schools. The college is well known for its Aeolian Choir. Of them it has been said that "The Aeolians could sing passages from the phone book and still make you feel the presence of the Divine."

Paine College

Augusta, Georgia

Founded 1882

<http://www.paine.edu>

Paine College is a church-related, four-year, coeducational, residential college. The mission of Paine College is to provide a quality liberal arts education that emphasizes ethical and spiritual values, social responsibility, and personal development for its 837 students. Sociology is one of the most popular majors. The college has recently installed state-of-the-art computer laboratories in each residence hall. Paine is part of the NCAA II athletic conference.

Paul Quinn College

Dallas, Texas

Founded 1872

<http://www.pqc.edu>

The aim of Paul Quinn College is "to provide quality education in a Christian-centered environment to traditional and adult students to produce servant-leaders who combine intellect and faith in their respective careers." The approximately 650 students can earn Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Applied Sciences degrees. There also are cooperative degree programs with Texas State Technical College, Eastfield College, and the University of Texas at Dallas. The college's intercollegiate sports are football, basketball, track and field, volleyball, and baseball.

Philander Smith College

Little Rock, Arkansas

Founded 1877

<http://www.philander.edu>

Philander Smith is the oldest private, historically black college in Arkansas. It is a four-year, liberal arts college that is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Situated in a historic quarter of downtown Little Rock, its administration building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 666 students work towards bachelor's degrees through six academic divisions. Students, faculty and staff are required to attend a weekly, faith-based, cultural or educational program on Thursday mornings. Students also participate in intercollegiate athletics and can choose to belong to a number of different academic clubs, Greek-letter organizations and music groups. Philander Smith College is a member of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View, Texas

Founded 1876

<http://www.pvamu.edu>

Prairie View is a nondenominational land-grant university located about 40 miles northwest of Houston. It is the second-oldest institution of higher learning in Texas. Seven colleges and two schools constitute the university. Among its specialized programs are those in nursing, juvenile justice, architecture, education, and social work. The University's enrollment is 8,336 including more than 2,000 graduate students. Students come from throughout the United States as well as many foreign countries. They can participate in a number of organizations as well as intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational sports.

Rust College

Holly Springs, Mississippi

Founded 1866

<http://www.rustcollege.edu>

Rust College was established by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Church. It is the oldest of the 11 HBCUs related to the United Methodist Church and is the second oldest private college in Mississippi. The 934 students seek Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Associate of Science degrees in 21 areas of study. The curriculum has a required general education program. The most popular majors are computer science and biology/biological sciences. Students in the Department of Mass Communications gain experience while working on the school newspaper, the *Rustorian*, or at WURC, the radio/TV station. Students participate in College Choir, College Band, and several intercollegiate and intramural sports opportunities. Diverse cultural activities are available on campus and in cooperation with cultural programs in nearby Memphis, Tennessee.

Saint Augustine's University

Raleigh, North Carolina

Founded 1867

<http://www.st-aug.edu>

Saint Augustine's University, is a historically black, Episcopal Church-affiliated, coeducational institution. Located in the scenic Durham area of North Carolina, three of its buildings are registered historic landmarks. Saint Augustine's was the first historically black college in the nation to have its own on-campus commercial radio and television stations: WAUG-AM750 and WAUG-TV68, Cable Channel 20. The school's 1,442 students earn their bachelor's degrees through six divisions, including the Division of Military Science, which houses the Army ROTC program.

Saint Paul's College

Lawrenceville, Virginia

Founded 1888

<http://www.saintpauls.edu>

Saint Paul's, which was founded by an Episcopal priest in 1888 as the Saint Paul Normal and Industrial

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School, is now home to under 500 students. The programs of study are in Business Administration, Behavioral Science, Natural Science and Mathematics, and Teacher Education. Students who wish careers in law, theology, or the various health professions are urged to enroll in the preprofessional programs. Saint Paul's is a member of the CIAA and NCAA Division II. In addition to a variety of intercollegiate sports, students can take part in eight Greek-letter organizations, intramural sports, and student leadership organizations.

Savannah State University

Savannah, Georgia

Founded 1890

<http://www.savannahstate.edu/>

SSU considers itself "the most progressive, closely knit, and inspirational learning community in Georgia." It is situated in an historic residential neighborhood in Savannah adjacent to a salt marsh estuary (so, not surprisingly, offers a Marine Science Program). *Estuary* is also the name of one of the student publications, and a theater groups calls itself Players By The Sea. The university's motto is "You can get anywhere from here." Degrees are offered through the Colleges of Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and Sciences and Technology. For relaxation, there is a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment. There are 75 student organizations, leadership workshops, 15 intramural activities, student publications, and student internships. There are both Navy and Army ROTC on campus.

Selma University (A Bible College)

Selma, Alabama

Founded 1878

<http://selmauniversity.org/>

Selma University's mission is to prepare men and women for Christian service throughout the world. Formerly a Christian liberal arts college, Selma University received accreditation to become a Bible College in 2009. Most of the 500 students are from Alabama. Students seek Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science degrees. Social activities include choir and baseball.

Shaw University

Raleigh, North Carolina

Founded 1865

<http://www.shawuniversity.edu>

2,183 students from the United States, the Caribbean, African countries, and the Middle East attend Shaw University, which claims status as the "oldest historically black college of the South." Students work towards B.A. or B.S. degrees in 30 majors through 10 departments. Courses in ethics and values are central to the general education of all the students. Shaw University students enrolled in ethics classes help public school students with peer mediation and conflict resolution through the "Peers as Partners" program. Students can participate in 10 service clubs and organizations and eight Greek-letter organizations. Shaw is an NCAA Division II school and offers both men's and women's varsity sports.

South Carolina State University

Orangeburg, South Carolina

Founded 1896

<http://www.scsu.edu>

State is consistently among national educational institution leaders in producing African-American students with baccalaureate degrees in biology, business, computer science/mathematics, education, engineering technology, and English language/literature. The university houses art and science in the same facility—the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium. The planetarium is the second largest in the state. The university is also home to the Savannah River Environmental Sciences Field Station. The Field Station, a registered member of the Organization of Biological Field Stations (OBFS), is the first Field

Station in the country devoted entirely to minority undergraduate research and education in science, mathematics, and engineering. The SCSU student population is 3,807.

Southern University System

<http://www.sus.edu>

Five campuses in three cities make up the Southern University System, which is the nation's only Historically Black College and University System. **Southern University at Shreveport; Shreveport, Louisiana; Founded 1967;** <http://www.susla.edu> offers a wealth of associate degrees and certificate programs. The mission of **Southern University Law Center; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Founded 1947;** <http://www.sulc.edu> is to prepare students for the practice of law. The **Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Founded 2001;** <http://www.suagcenter.com> was established to enhance the impact of land-grant progress on Louisiana citizens.

Southern University and A&M College; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Founded 1880;

<http://www.subr.edu>

This university, the oldest of the campuses in the system, offers courses through seven colleges and four schools, and has Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC. Southern's School of Nursing was name Nursing School of the Year in 2012 by the Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation.

Southern University at New Orleans; New Orleans, Louisiana; Founded 1956;

www.suno.edu

A primary emphasis of SUNO is the preparation of inner-city school teachers. To that end, the university hopes to serve as "a center of excellence in urban pedagogy." The Museum Studies Program is the only one of its kind in the region, and it is the only such program housed at an HBCU. The university was greatly affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, but continues to rebuild. Online courses and degree programs are also available.

Spelman College

Atlanta, Georgia

Founded 1881

<http://www.spelman.edu>

Spelman College, the nation's oldest four-year, liberal arts college for black women, is home to 2,145 students. Among the buildings at Spelman is the Camille O. Hanks Cosby Academic Center, donated by Drs. Camille and William Cosby. In addition to classrooms and laboratories, the Center houses the Women's Research and Resource Center. Spelman is one of six institutions that constitute the Atlanta University Center, the largest consortium of black higher education in the world. The college supports wellness, leisure sport, and intercollegiate athletic programs. The list of activities is enticing—first-year students are encouraged not to participate in more than one activity that requires rehearsals! The college is also noted for its students' commitment to community service, which "allows Spelman women to discover their voices in the world."

Stillman College

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Founded 1876

<http://www.stillman.edu>

Stillman College, a liberal arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, aims to prepare its 1,019 students for places of leadership and service in society and for lives that have value and meaning. It does this through the divisions of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education. The Harte Honors College gives outstanding students (1150 SAT or 25 ACT) a rigorous program in an interdisciplinary curriculum that includes classical languages and advanced research. Stillman men and women can participate in a variety of intercollegiate sports and a number of Greek-letter organizations, social clubs, and special interest

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organizations.

Talladega College

Talladega, Alabama

Founded 1867

<http://www.talladega.edu>

The Savery Library at Talladega is noted for its murals depicting the *Amistad* Incident. The murals, completed in the 100th year following incident, were painted by Hale Woodruff, a noted black artist. DeForest Chapel houses 17 stained glass windows designed by renowned contemporary artist David C. Driskell. Talladega is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. The Division of Humanities and Fine Arts is now offering majors in Mass Media Studies and in Fine Arts. Other Divisions of the college are Business Administration, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences and Education. The growing student body keeps busy with Greek-letter organizations, 40 other listed clubs, and intramural sports.

Tennessee State University

Nashville, Tennessee

Founded 1912

<http://www.tnstate.edu>

This comprehensive, urban, coeducational, land-grant university has a 450-acre main campus in a residential section of Nashville. There, and on a downtown campus, the 8,775 students study for 77 majors in eight undergraduate and graduate colleges and schools. The school prides itself on “nurturing and challenging students wherever they stand academically.” There are more than 100 student clubs, organizations, club sports and intramural teams. TSU is an NCAA Division I school (I-AA in football) offering men and women the chance to participate in basketball, football, golf, softball, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. For those who love a parade, TSU is noted for its “Aristocrat of Bands.”

Texas College

Tyler, Texas

Founded 1894

<http://www.texascollege.edu>

Texas College is governed by the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. It offers 12 baccalaureate degrees within four divisions; Business and Social Sciences, Humanities and Education, and Natural and Computational Sciences. The 1,200 students take a common core of academic foundations courses. Students can participate in intercollegiate athletics through baseball, basketball, and volleyball. The college’s Dominion Robert Glass Library has a Black Studies Collection that is one of the largest in East Texas and also serves the public schools and general community.

Texas Southern University

Houston, Texas

Founded 1947

<http://www.tsu.edu>

Texas Southern University prepares its graduates specifically for leadership in urban settings. The university has one of the largest concentrations of multiethnic scholars in the world. There are 9,646 students working towards bachelor and master degrees in a variety of programs as well as doctoral programs in education, law, and pharmacy. Among the new buildings on campus is a state-of-the-art center for radio, television, and print media professional studies. For students interested in music, the TSU Band program offers tremendous opportunities for growth for both music majors and non-majors. Starting in the fall of 2010, Texas Southern University began offering seven degree programs for the first time to residents of Northwest Houston at the new University Park campus. The university is a Division I member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and offers seven men’s and nine women’s varsity sports.

Tougaloo College

Tougaloo, Mississippi

Founded 1869

<http://www.tougaloo.edu>

Tougaloo is a historically African-American, private, coeducational, church-related, four-year, liberal arts institution located at the northern edge of Jackson. Founded by the American Missionary Association, the school is currently affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Tougaloo offers 16 majors through five academic divisions. The school requires 60 clock hours of community service from its approximately 972 students before graduation. The service projects enable students to use a variety of intellectual resources and interpersonal and leadership skills. Tougaloo College boasts of having one of the most extensive African-American art collections in the nation.

Tuskegee University

Tuskegee, Alabama

Founded 1881

<http://www.tuskegee.edu>

The storied history of Tuskegee began in 1881, when the school was founded by Booker T. Washington. In this new century, the university's motto is "Capturing the Quest for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Service." Tuskegee has the distinction of being the only operating college designated as a National Historical District by the U.S. Congress. Tuskegee was the first location established by the Air Force and Army for the training of African-American pilots. Today it produces more African Americans in aerospace science engineering than any other institution in the nation and stands fifth in graduating African Americans in chemical, electrical, and mechanical engineering. Not all is work for Tuskegee's 3,117 students: there are over 100 social, music, and political organizations in which they can participate. Tuskegee's Golden Tigers sports teams participate in the NCAA Division II Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Founded 1873

<http://www.uapb.edu>

"The University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff now offers its students the first fully integrated, multimedia IP network on a U.S. campus, which includes Wireless IP telephony." UAPB offers its 2,828 students programs in education, business, agriculture, aquaculture, nursing, and over 40 other degree programs. Talented, gifted, and committed students can apply to the Honors College. The university has Army ROTC, the "Golden Lions" Battalion. It is a Division I NCAA school that competes in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). In addition to intercollegiate sports, students can participate in intramural sports, departmental activities, social clubs, student publications, radio station KUAP FM, Lyceum, Vesper Choir, and marching band. The William E. O'Bryant Bell Tower is the rallying point on the UAPB campus.

University of the District of Columbia

Washington, D.C.

Chartered in 1974

<http://www.udc.edu>

UDC is the only public institution of higher education in our nation's capitol and the only urban land-grant institution in the nation. It was chartered in 1974, when three institutions were combined, although the seeds of its history began in 1851. The university offers over 75 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to 5,110 students. In August 2009, UDC inaugurated a new community college which offers more than 20 associate degree and certificate programs as well as over 25 workforce development programs to prepare students for successful careers and academic advancement. As part of its land-grant function, it strives to "solve urban community problems and to improve the overall quality of urban

living in the District of Columbia.” The UDC “Firebirds” participate in NCAA Division II intercollegiate sports.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Princess Anne, Maryland

Founded 1886

<http://www.umes.edu>

This land-grant college is one of 13 campuses of the University of Maryland system. The 4,454 students come from over 70 different countries. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore has long been known for providing professional training in the key regional industries of hospitality management, and the management of commercial poultry and swine operations. UMES is the only four-year institution on the shore to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in computer science. The University began offering three new degrees starting in the fall of 2011 – a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry, a Master of Science degree in chemistry and Master of Medical Science in physician assistant studies.

University of the Virgin Islands

St. Thomas and St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Founded 1962

<http://www.uvi.edu>

The University of the Virgin Islands, which calls itself “historically American, uniquely Caribbean, globally interactive,” was designated by Congress as a HBCU in 1986. It is the only HBCU outside the continental United States. It was awarded land-grant status in 1972, which allowed it to establish an Agricultural Experiment Station and a Cooperative Extension Service. There are 2,500 full- and part-time students on the university’s two campuses. They seek degrees from five Divisions: Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Science and Math, and Nursing. UVI-St. Thomas is the world’s leading center in aquaponics, the growing of fish and vegetables in recirculating systems.

Virginia State University

Petersburg, Virginia

Founded 1882

<http://www.vsu.edu>

The university, which sits on a bluff across the Appomattox River from the city of Petersburg, enrolls 5,300 students. VSU is one of two land-grant institutions in Virginia. There are five schools: School of Agriculture; School of Business; School of Engineering, Science, and Technology; School of Liberal Arts and Education; and School of Graduate Studies. Students who wish can participate in the National Student Exchange, which allows the opportunity to study for up to one year at one of nearly 200 colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, or in three U.S. territories. In addition to men’s and women’s varsity sports, the university supports a long list of outreach and community service opportunities, student organizations, academic clubs and societies, and Greek-letter organizations.

Virginia Union University

Richmond, Virginia

Founded 1865

<http://www.vuu.edu>

Virginia Union University focuses on “rigorous, intellectual discipline, with emphasis on religious convictions and commitment.” The major fields of concentration for its 1,750 students are in the two academic units, the School of Arts and Sciences and the Sydney Lewis School of Business. In addition, VUU is home to the nationally-acclaimed Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. CO-OP is a voluntary program open to all students who desire to take theories learned in the classroom and apply them in a career-related work experience. Though proud of its rich history, the university looks to the future with the recent addition of a campus-wide, wireless backbone network. There are 34 registered academic, government, religious, Greek-letter, entertainment, community service, social, and honors

organizations. The school offers both varsity intercollegiate sports and intramural activities.

Voorhees College

Denmark, South Carolina

Founded 1897

<http://www.voorhees.edu>

Voorhees College is a private, historically black, coeducational, liberal arts, baccalaureate degree-granting institution affiliated with the Episcopal Church. The college serves an undergraduate student population of 642 that reflects intellectual integrity and curiosity, as well as demographic, economic, cultural, and educational diversity. Voorhees offers 13 majors through four divisions: Arts and Sciences, Business and Professional Studies, Education, and General Studies. The curriculum is designed to focus on the liberal arts and sciences with the flexibility for growth and modification to meet the needs of a changing society. Voorhees provides an extensive program of intramural and intercollegiate sports. The Greek-letter and social organizations on campus play a major role in coordinating social and educational events, enhancing school spirit, and in carrying out community service activities.

West Virginia State University

Institute, West Virginia

Founded 1891

<http://www.wvstateu.edu>

West Virginia State College calls itself “a living laboratory of human relations.” The 2,644 students seek degrees on this suburban Charleston campus. The Chemistry Department is one of three in the state to be accredited by the American Chemical Society. (Because of many chemical plants, this area of West Virginia is known as “Chemical Valley.”) Student athletic teams, the Yellow Jackets, participate in 11 sports in the WVIAC Conference. Students interested in the military can participate in the Army ROTC “Yellow Jacket” Battalion. The hub of campus activities is the College Union. There are more than 30 organizations on campus to meet the social, religious, professional, departmental, or honorary needs of students.

Wilberforce University

Wilberforce, Ohio

Founded 1856

<http://www.wilberforce.edu>

Wilberforce is the oldest coeducational, private, historically black, liberal arts school in the nation. Since 1856, its mission has been to educate students of all colors, creeds, and religious denominations. The university is affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is one of two four-year institutions in the country with a mandatory cooperative education program and considers that program the “heartbeat” of its academic mission. Wilberforce grants B.A. and B.S. degrees through its Departments of Business and Economics, Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Natural Science and Social Science. When they are not working or studying, the 850 students can participate in varsity sports, seven Greek-letter organizations and a large number of academic organizations and honor societies. The University provides free wi-fi throughout the campus.

Wiley College

Marshall, Texas

Founded 1873

<http://www.wileyc.edu>

Wiley, the first historically black college west of the Mississippi, is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It is committed to “providing students with a broad liberal arts and career-oriented education in a Christian environment . . .” The 1,401 students can receive the degrees of Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration. Wiley is an NAIA school that participates in the Red River Athletics Conference. Sports include basketball and track and field for both

men and women as well as volleyball, baseball, soccer, cheerleading and dance teams.

Winston-Salem State University

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Founded 1892

<http://www.wssu.edu>

In 1925, as Winston-Salem Teachers College, this institution became the first historically black college to grant an elementary education degree. Now the university offers a master's degree in elementary education. In addition to the School of Education, Winston-Salem offers degrees through the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Economics, and the School of Health Sciences. For students interested in a nursing career, the university is one of only 12 HBCUs in the nation offering graduate studies in nursing through its master's program in nursing. 5,689 full- and part-time students attend WSSU: many live in the recently opened RAMS Commons, a complex that includes four residential buildings and a clubhouse. One of the buildings is designated as an Honors College. Another interesting feature of the campus is the Sculpture Garden. Five significant artworks, given as gifts to the university, are part of the grounds near the Auditorium.

Xavier University of Louisiana

New Orleans, Louisiana

Founded 1925

<http://www.xula.edu>

Xavier is the only institution of higher learning in the nation that is historically black and Catholic. Its purpose since its founding has been to help create a most just and humane society. The College of Pharmacy is first in the nation in the number of Doctor of Pharmacy degrees awarded to African Americans. Xavier ranks first in the nation in placing African American students into medical schools. It also ranks high in psychology, computer science and information, mathematics, biological/life sciences and the physical sciences. The university offers its more than 3,178 students 47 major areas at undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree levels. Xavier's intercollegiate athletic program includes basketball, tennis, and cross country for both men and women. It has been named a Champion of Character Institution by the NAIA.

And then it's on to graduate school . . .

In addition to the universities listed above that offer degrees beyond the four-year baccalaureate degree, (e.g., Morehouse has a College of Medicine; Howard has had a College of Medicine since 1868, a School of Pharmacy since 1882, and has a School of Law), you might wish to consider . . .

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Los Angeles, California

Founded 1966

<http://www.cdrewu.edu>

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, a response to the Watts riots of 1966, continues to address the social issues of minorities and the medically underserved. Located in the Watts-Willowbrook section of South Los Angeles, the University conducts education, patient care and research programs - training physicians and allied health professionals to provide care to underserved populations.

Did You Know?

Facts about Historically Black Colleges and Universities

- Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1061 (2), historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are defined as institutions established prior to 1964 whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans.
- The 2007 U.S. Department of Education list of Accredited Post-secondary Minority Institutions shows 102 HBCUs in the United States.
- Various estimates are that upwards of 80 percent of American's African-American judges, and 50 percent of its African-American attorneys, were educated at HBCUs.
- Nearly one fourth of all bachelor's degrees earned by blacks in 1999-2000 were earned at HBCUs; fourteen percent of all blacks enrolled in post-secondary institutions were enrolled in HBCUs in the fall of 1999; and twenty percent of all first-professional degrees earned by blacks were at HBCUs.
- The three oldest HBCUs are Cheyney University of Pennsylvania in Cheyney, PA, which was founded in 1837 (though not as an institution of higher learning in the beginning); Lincoln University of Lincoln, PA, which was founded in 1854 and was the first institution of higher education established anywhere in the world for young African-American males; and Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, OH, which was founded in 1856 as the first coeducational college for blacks.
- The nine HBCU schools of engineering are among the nation's largest producers of African-American engineers: Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL); Hampton University (Hampton, VA); Howard University (Washington, D.C.); Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD); North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, NC); Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX); Southern University (Baton Rouge, LA); Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN); Tuskegee University (AL).
- Livingston College, Medgar Evers College CUNY, Morgan State University, Tennessee State University, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Winston-Salem State University are HBCU locations for SEMAA, which is a NASA funded, national initiative program "designed to increase participation and retention of K-12 youth who are underrepresented" in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).
- Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS, was founded in 1871 and is the oldest historically black land-grant institution.
- Delaware State University in Dover, DE, is the only black institution in the nation with its own fleet of airplanes: it trains professional pilots for commercial airline industries as well as for the military.
- Dillard University in New Orleans, LA, has a National Center for Black and Jewish Relations, the only such institution in the world.
- In 1997, Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL, was selected by *Time Magazine/The Princeton Review* as their first ever "College of the Year."
- In 1996, Howard University and Florida A&M University led the nation in recruiting National Achievement Scholars, who are among the most highly sought-after students in the country. Again in 2003 Howard admitted more National Achievement Scholars than any other school in the nation.
- Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO, was founded as Lincoln Institute in 1866 by members of the 62nd and 65th U.S. Colored Infantry Units.
- Xavier University of New Orleans, LA, leads the nation among American colleges and universities in placing African-American students into medical schools.
- Two HBCU graduates are Nobel Laureates: novelist Toni Morrison (Howard University) and Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Morehouse College). Another HBCU graduate, Nima Warfield (Morehouse College, 1994), was the first Rhodes Scholar from a historically black college and in 2000 became the youngest Commencement Speaker in Morehouse history. Oluwabusayo Folarin (Morehouse College, 2004) was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2003. The late astronaut, Dr. Ronald E. McNair, was a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University. In 2004 Phylicia Rashad, a Howard University *magna cum laude* graduate was the first black woman to win a Tony Award in the "leading actress in a play" category. Radio personality Tom Joyner (Tuskegee 1970) has raised millions of dollars for black colleges. Kweisi Mfume, former member of the U.S. Congress and current President and CEO of the NAACP graduated *magna cum laude* from Morgan State University in 1976.

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Definition: Several schools listed in the “Snapshot” started as land-grant institutions. That is, the federal government granted land for a college that would serve the state by offering instruction in agriculture and the mechanical arts. These schools are now supported by individual states with supplementary federal funds. They serve the citizens of their states (and other states and countries) with programs that go far beyond their original offerings in agriculture and the mechanical arts. Purdue University is Indiana's land-grant university. To learn more about land-grant institutions, go to <https://www.aplu.org>.