

# VA efforts to advance Historically Black Colleges and Universities

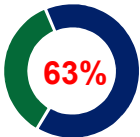
## Veteran Affairs' plan for aiding Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Many HBCUs face increasingly significant challenges. VA believes in HBCUs' mission and impact, and is building its support for HBCUs.

### Challenges confronting HBCUs

A confluence of economics, academic, and policy changes are jeopardizing the future sustainability of many HBCUs. HBCUs are particularly impacted by these changes because they depend more on public funding. Many HBCUs now face:

- Declining enrollment
- Reduced state and federal funding
- Obsolete business models
- Inadequate financial support from alumni
- Intercollegiate athletic scandals
- A dearth of future leadership talent



Percentage of HBCUs that  
**may face closure** by 2035<sup>1</sup>.  
(66 HBCUs out of 104)

**Executive Order 13779**  
On February 27, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order creating an interagency working group focusing on HBCUs and ordered any government agency regularly interacting with HBCUs to develop annual plans to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs.

### HBCUs matter

For decades, HBCUs were the only higher education option for African Americans and they remain important doors to opportunity otherwise closed to many people:

- 70% of HBCU students qualify for need-based Pell Grants, reserved for students whose families make less than \$50,000 per year.<sup>2</sup>
- HBCUs represent only 3% of colleges in the US, but produce 20% of African-American graduates.<sup>3</sup>
- HBCUs are responsible for producing 17% of ALL health profession degrees earned by African-American graduates.<sup>4</sup>
- A full quarter of HBCUs across our nation have at least a 20% non-Black student body<sup>5</sup>

### HBCUs by the numbers

Total institutions: 104  
Total enrollment : 293,000

### VA supports HBCUs and students

VA uses its experience with healthcare and resources as a large government agency to provide a wide range of services for HBCUs to try to address the wide range of challenges they face.

#### Support for institutions

- In coordination with the VHA Office of Academic Affiliations, Atlanta, Orlando, Washington DC, Wilkes Barre and the Tennessee Valley Health System provided grants to HBCUs totaling \$3,767,562 in direct funds and \$2,816,655 in indirect funds in FY2017<sup>5</sup>
- Partners with HBCUs through VA Acquisition Academy to develop acquisition-based curriculum to prepare graduates for Federal acquisition careers
- Connects 75% of VA medical facilities to a local HBCU, through a pilot geographic mapping program<sup>5</sup>

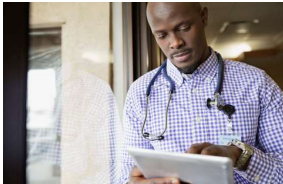
#### Support for individuals

- Arranged 362 internship opportunities for medical, dental, and other students at VA facilities in FY2017<sup>5</sup>
- Arranged onsite visits from VA leaders to meet with students and discuss career development

### VA will continue building its support

VA is committed to continue supporting HBCUs, believing HBCUs are important for the country and an important source of diverse talent for the agency.

- Expand the geo-mapping pilot to connect 100% of VA medical facilities to HBCUs
- Improve data tracking of key metrics at HBCUs and possible areas for future engagement
- Extend Graduate Medical Education programs in rural and underserved areas, reaching more HBCUs
- Apply advanced data analytics to identify the most at-risk HBCUs and allocate additional resources to those locations



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-tns-bc-cmp-black-colleges-20180218-story.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article148919689.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.businessinsider.com/hbcus-may-be-more-in-danger-of-closing-than-other-schools-2015-3>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.newamerica.org/post-secondary-national-policy-institute/our-blog/historically-black-colleges-and-universities-hbcus/>

<sup>5</sup> Department of Veteran Affairs fiscal year 2018 Annual Agency Plan

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.tmcfl.org/about-us/schools/hbcus>

# Historically Black Colleges and Universities by State

## Alabama

Alabama A & M University  
Alabama State University  
Bishop State Community College ■  
Concordia College  
Gadsden State Community College  
J. F. Drake State Technical College  
Lawson State Community College ■  
Miles College  
Oakwood University  
Selma University Selma  
Shelton State Community College Tuscaloosa  
Stillman College  
Talladega College  
Trenholm State Technical College  
Tuskegee University ■

## Arkansas

Arkansas Baptist College  
Philander Smith College  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff ■

## California

Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science ●

## Delaware

Delaware State University ■

## District of Columbia

Howard University ●  
University of the District of Columbia

## Florida

Florida A&M University ■  
Florida Memorial University  
Bethune-Cookman University ■  
Edward Waters College

## Georgia

Albany State University ■  
Fort Valley State University  
Savannah State University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
Morehouse College ●  
Morris Brown College  
Paine College  
Spelman College

## Kentucky

Kentucky State University ■  
Simmons College of Kentucky

## Louisiana

Dillard University ■  
Grambling State University ■  
Southern University and A&M College ■  
Southern University at New Orleans  
Southern University at Shreveport  
Xavier University of Louisiana

## Maryland

Bowie State University ■  
Coppin State University ■  
Morgan State University

## Mississippi

Alcorn State University ■  
Coahoma Community College ■  
Hinds Community College-Utica  
Jackson State University  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Rust College  
Tougaloo College

## Missouri

Harris-Stowe State University  
Lincoln University of Missouri ■

## North Carolina

Barber-Scotia College  
Bennett College  
Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
Livingstone College  
Johnson C. Smith University  
North Carolina A&T State University ■  
North Carolina Central University ■  
Winston Salem State University ■  
St. Augustine's College  
Shaw University

## Ohio

Central State University  
Wilberforce University

## Oklahoma

Langston University ■

## Pennsylvania

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
Lincoln University

## South Carolina

Allen University  
Benedict College  
Claflin University  
Clinton Junior College  
Denmark Technical College  
South Carolina State University ■  
Morris College  
Voorhees College

## Tennessee

Tennessee State University  
American Baptist College  
Fisk University ■  
Knoxville College  
Lane College  
LeMoyne-Owen College  
Meharry Medical College ●

## Texas

Huston-Tillotson University  
Jarvis Christian College  
Prairie View A&M University ■  
Paul Quinn College  
St. Philip's College ■  
Southwestern Christian College  
Texas College  
Texas Southern University  
Wiley College

## Virginia

Norfolk State University ■  
Virginia State University ■  
Hampton University ■  
Saint Paul's College  
Virginia Union University  
Virginia University of Lynchburg

## West Virginia

Bluefield State College  
West Virginia State University ■

## Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands  
University of the Virgin Islands - Kingshill

### Classification Key:

- Indicates institution offers a full medical program
- Indicates institution offers a nursing program