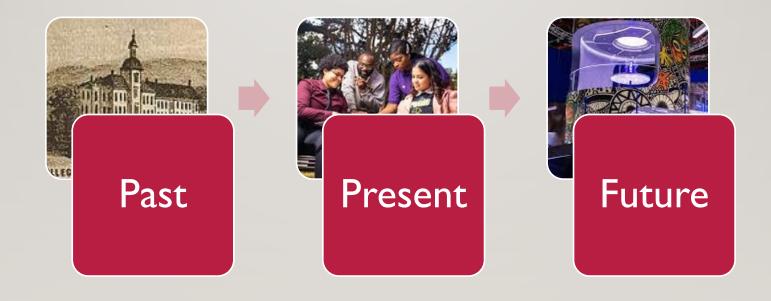
# STORIES FROM THE PAST, PRESENT SUCCESS, AND A BRIGHT FUTURE

**HBCUS IN TENNESSEE** 

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### TODAY'S JOURNEY

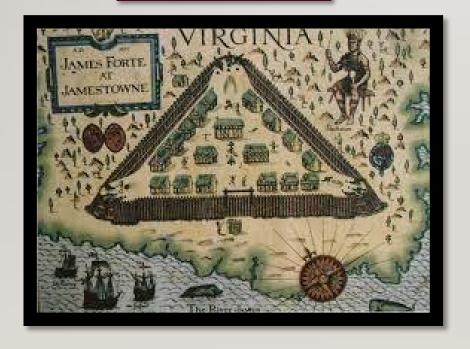




HBCU ORIGINS

#### American Higher Education – A Brief History

Jamestown, VA was the first permanent colonial settlement in 1607.





Harvard College was first chartered in 1636 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

#### American Higher Education – Brief History

From the outset, American higher education has been an oddity compared to European traditions, with an early focus on access, shared governance, and public benefit.

The earliest federal action to establish public schools came from the Continental Congress in 1785 and 1787.

The Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, the GI education bill, and the Higher Education Act followed suit in expanding reach and access of higher education.

Prior to the Civil War, it was illegal to teach an enslaved person to read throughout the southern United States.

The first postsecondary degrees granted to African Americans were largely from private, integrated institutions of the northern and western United States.



#### The Reconstruction Era



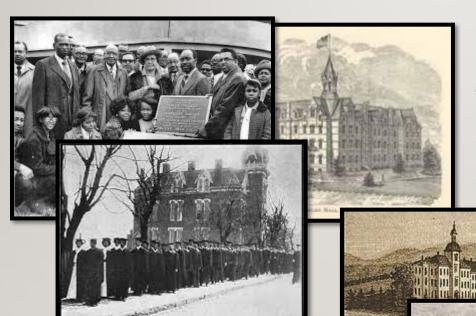
13 African American men were elected to and served in the General Assembly prior to 1900. The next African American would not be elected until 1965.

A tumultuous era following the end of the Civil War, Reconstruction brought the first freedoms for African Americans across all areas of life.

Tennessee was the last state to join the Confederacy, and the first to rejoin the Union in 1869.



#### The Reconstruction Era



Schools often began as one-room, all-ages classrooms, as newly freed parents learned to read side-by-side with their children. Over time, upper and lower divisions of classes emerged, and colleges and universities were formerly established.

Despite the violence and regression that ended the era, one enduring symbol of resilience and hope everlasting were the educational institutions first founded during this time.

Tennessee HBCUs no longer in operation



Central Tennessee College Walden University Nashville, TN



Roger Williams University Nashville, TN



Morristown College Morristown,TN



#### The Fight for Civil Rights

Tennessee has a unique place in the history of civil rights, and many nationally recognized heroes of the era were educated at African American institutions across the state.







In addition to churches, college campuses became places of training, strategy, and organizing in the protests and sit-ins of the 1950s and 1960s. Both students and alumni would contribute to the movement in vital ways.

#### Federal Recognition

Following advocacy from current students, alumni, and community supporters as well as a well-timed election cycle, the term "historically black college or (and) university" was coined during the 1980's within federal government to refer to any school that was founded prior to 1965 and with the express purpose of educating African Americans.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 was reauthorized in 1986, creating Title III, Act B, a designated formula appropriation for all HBCUs.





# NOTABLE HBCU ALUMNI

# Report: HBCUs Produce More Upwardly Mobile Graduates than PWIs

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### Black Ivy: The Resurgence of HBCUs

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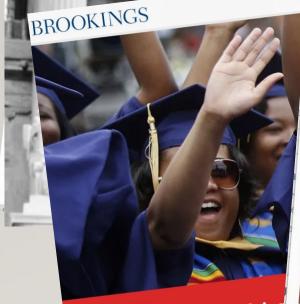
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#### An HBCU Renaissance



Recognized as enduring centers of not only education but culture as well, HBCUs have also benefitted from a surge in the advocacy of sports, music, and entertainment icons.

Today, there are approximately 100 HBCUs enrolling over 300,000 students across 19 states and the Virgin Islands.

Despite declining enrollment, largely attributed to greater choice following Brown vs. Board of Education, HBCUs continue to graduate low-income, academically underprepared African American students at greater rates than non-HBCUs.



#### Building on 180 years of education

More than 20% of black college graduates receive their degree from an HBCU, despite enrolling less than 10% of black students.

40% of black members of Congress, 50% of black lawyers, and 80% of black judges graduated from an HBCU.

Over half of black public K-12 teachers earned a degree from an HBCU

The average graduation rate at a fouryear HBCU hovered around 59% in 2015, higher than that national average black students at non-HBCUs.

Graduates from Spelman and Bennett
Colleges contribute to over half of the
nation's black women who earn
doctorates in all science fields, which
is more than lvy League "Seven Sisters"
combined.

#### Building on 180 years of education

HBCUs significantly contribute to the creation of black science degree holders: agriculture (51.6%), biology (42.2%), computer science (35%), physical science (43%), and social science (23.2%).

Nine of the top ten colleges that graduate the majority of black students who go on to earn PhDs are HBCUs

Half of the nation's HBCUs have a freshman class where 75% or more of the students are from low-income backgrounds, while just 1% of non-HBCU colleges serve as high a percentage of low-income students.

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#### THE HBCU SUCCESS INITIATIVE

**Strengthening the capacity** of historically black colleges and universities to provide the highest quality education, increasing opportunities for these institutions to participate in and benefit from state programs, and ensuring that Tennessee has the highest proportion of college graduates from HBCUs in the country.

#### **HBCU Success in Tennessee**

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#### **HBCU Success in Tennessee**

# Research and Analysis

Data collection and reports

Policy database

HBCU website

# Programmatic Development

Student Success programs

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# Coordination and Convening

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Student Success Collaborative



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#### **HBCU Success in Tennessee**



Each year since the inception of the HBCU Success office, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has hosted **HBCU Success Day on the Hill,** a day of collective advocacy and support for all seven Tennessee HBCUs.

Through its statutory duties, THEC works to ensure access to state resources and awareness of state opportunities for HBCU students, faculty, staff, and administration.



# HBCUS IN THE FUTURE

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#### Designing the Future with HBCUs in Mind







#### Student Success

- Academic readiness
- Access to higher education
- Completion

# Family Prosperity

- Affordability
- Transparency
- Outreach to adults

### The Future Workforce

- Future of work
- CTE and workbased learning

#### Designing the Future with HBCUs in Mind



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#### THANK YOU!

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http://www.tn.gov/THEC/HBCU-Success