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# Transfer Pathways to HBCUs

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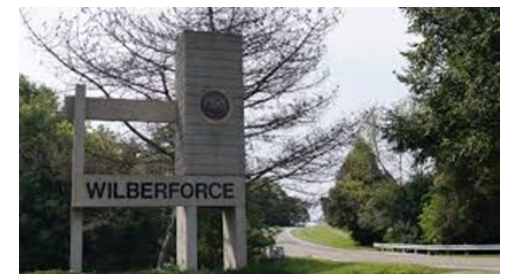
# Objectives

1. Gain insight on the **value of HBCUs**.
2. How to **support students in HBCU transfer**.
3. Increase awareness of available **tools and resources**

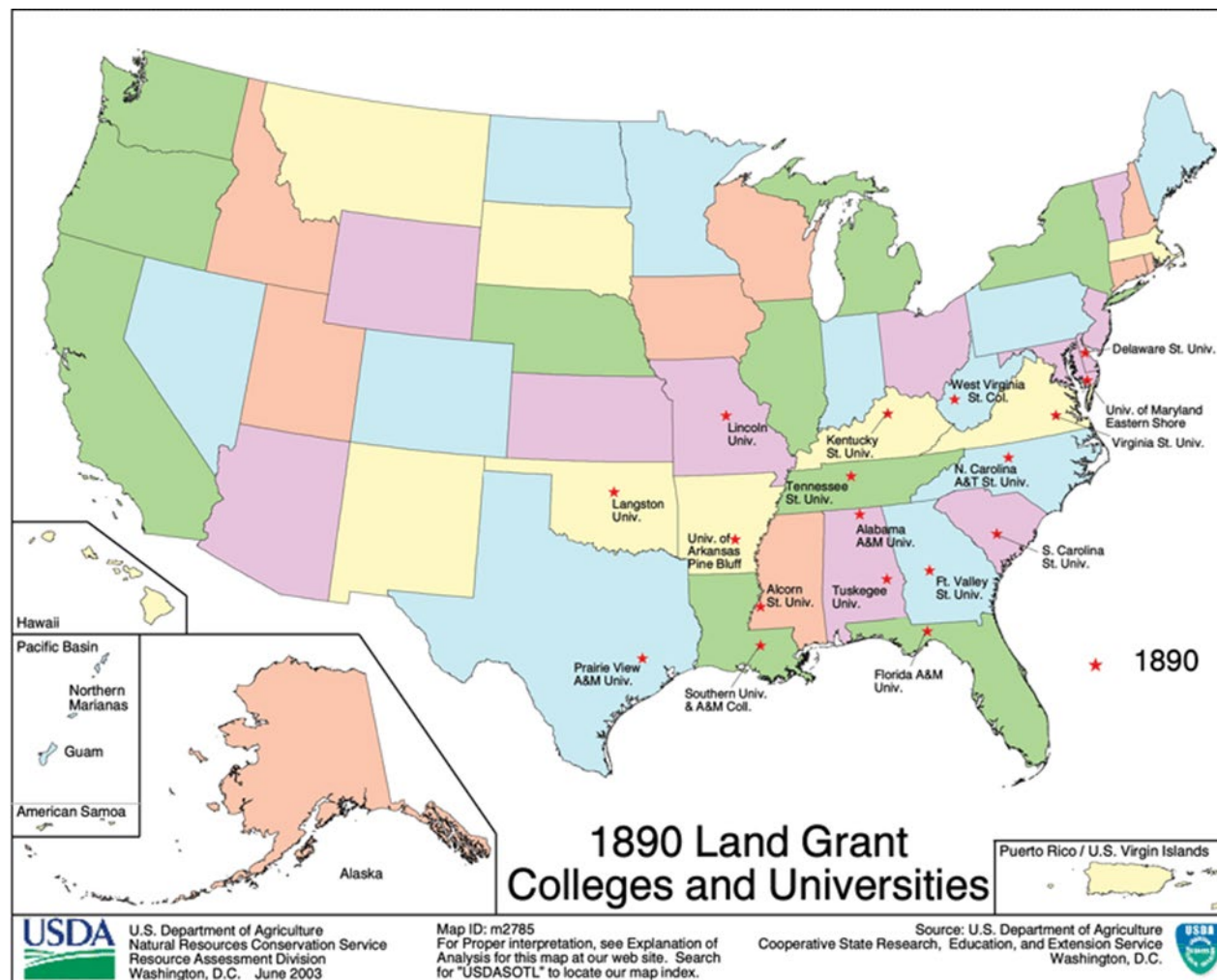
# HBCU History & Impact

# HBCU History

- 1837 Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- 1854 Lincoln University (PA)
- 1856 Wilberforce University (OH)
- 1861-65 Civil War
- 1902 85+ HBCUs established



# HBCU History - Morrill Act of 1890



# HBCU Impact

## How many African-Americans are HBCU Graduates

- 22% of Bachelor Degree Holders
- 40% of Members of Congress
- 12.5% of CEOs
- 40% of Engineers
- 50% of Professors at Non-HBCUs Institutions
- 50% of Lawyers
- 80% of Judges

(The Network Journal)

# HBCU Impact

- Graduation rates of low-income Black students:
  - HBCUs (37.8%)
  - PWIs (32%)<sup>1</sup>
- Mentorship and strong professor relationships<sup>1</sup>
- Engineering graduation rates:
  - HBCUs 62%-92%
  - PWIs 4%-8%<sup>2</sup>
- Alumni are more likely to have a job or an internship in their field<sup>3</sup>

1. NPR Code Switch (March 1, 2017) by Andrew H. Nichols and Denzel Evans-Bell of The Educational Trust titled "A Look at Black Student Success"  
2. Reported in "Diverse Issues in Higher Education" – February 23, 2016  
3. As reported in the [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com) May 27, 2016



# California Community College Transfer Guarantee Agreement to HBCUs

# Background

- Local Impaction + Increase Transfer Options
- MOU Agreements
- ADT Pathways



# ADT → HBCU Alignment

- ADT to BA/BS pathways will have acceptance at Junior level status
- Search ADT to HBCU Bachelor degree pathways via Transfer Search Tool  
<https://icangotocollege.com/transfer-tool>



# Transfer Requirements

## Qualifications:

- 30+ transferable units or an ADT
- 2.0+ GPA (higher for certain HBCUs)
- California Community College student

## Benefits:

- Transfer guarantee
- Priority consideration for housing
- Pre-transfer advisement
- Specific grant & scholarship opportunities
- Support from application → graduation



## Ideal time to apply:

- Fall Transfer: October - March
- Spring Transfer: September - November

# Participating HBCUs

**Alabama State University**  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Arkansas Baptist College**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Benedict College**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Bethune-Cookman University**  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Bowie State University**  
Bowie, Maryland

**Central State University**  
Wilberforce, Ohio

**Clafin University**  
Orangeburg, South Carolina

**Coppin State University**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Dillard University**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Edward Waters University**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Fisk University**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Fort Valley State University**  
Fort Valley, Georgia

**Grambling State University**  
Grambling, Louisiana

**Harris-Stowe State University**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Huston-Tillotson University**  
Austin, Texas

**Jackson State University**  
Jackson, Mississippi

**Johnson C. Smith University**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Kentucky State University**  
Frankfort, Kentucky

**Lane College**  
Jackson, Tennessee

**Lincoln University of Missouri**  
Jefferson City, Missouri

**Mississippi Valley State University**  
Itta Bena, Mississippi

**Morehouse College**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Morris Brown College**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Philander Smith University**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Shaw University**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Southern University and A&M College**  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Southern University at New Orleans**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Stillman College**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Talladega College**  
Talladega, Alabama

**Texas Southern University**  
Houston, Texas

**Tougaloo College**  
Tougaloo, Mississippi

**Tuskegee University**  
Tuskegee, Alabama

**Virginia State University**  
Petersburg, Virginia

**Voorhees University**  
Denmark, South Carolina

**West Virginia State University**  
Institute, West Virginia

**Wiley University**  
Marshall, Texas

## MOUs in the Pipeline for Completion

**Bennett College**  
Greensboro, North Carolina

**Clark Atlanta University**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**North Carolina Central University**  
Durham, North Carolina

**Xavier University of Louisiana**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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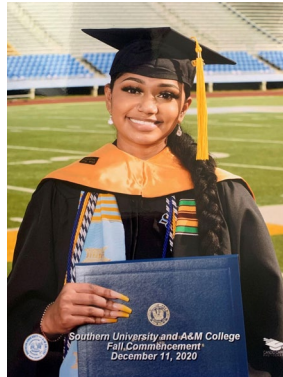
- Cerritos College
- Clark Atlanta University (BA & MSW)
- Xavier University of Louisiana (Ed.D.)

Student Support

Transfer exploration → HBCU application → HBCU enrollment



# Student Success Coaches



**Erysse Green**

Los Medanos College  
Southern University and A&M College (BA)  
Touro University (MFT)



**Victoria Palmer**

Los Angeles Mission College  
Tuskegee University (BA)  
Jackson State University (MSW)  
Norfolk State University (PhD)

**Support students throughout their adjustment from HBCU enrollment to graduation.**

# Student Funding: Scholarships & Grants

# Common Black College Application

- **Application platform with the majority of partner HBCUs and other HBCUs**
- **Counselors distribute fee waiver code to students that meet CCC to HBCU Transfer requirement**
- **1 of 4 HBCUs must be a partner HBCU**
- **Student electronically submits all official transcripts post-high school**
- **Counselor completes Counselor Verification Form → HBCU Transfer Advisor = Student support**

# In-State Tuition Opportunities

The following partner HBCUs are offering in-state tuition & fees – the average cost of tuition is **\$9,000**:

- Alabama State University\*
- Coppin State University, MD
- Grambling State University, LA\*
- Harris-Stowe State University, MO
- Lincoln University of MO
- Mississippi Valley State University
- Southern University and A&M College\*
- Southern University at New Orleans, LA\*

\* certain requirements may apply



# Hoffman Agency HBCU Scholarship

- A Career in Communications Panel & Student Information Session recording available on their website - [www.hoffman.com/hbcu-scholarship](http://www.hoffman.com/hbcu-scholarship)
- Deadline – March 31, 2026
- Communications related majors
  - Mass Communications, English, Journalism, Mass Media, Public Relations, etc.

## HBCU Scholarship

Opening doors and increasing diversity  
in the communications industry.



### Scholarship Details

The scholarship will cover the recipient's junior and senior year at an HBCU. Upon graduation, an internship opportunity will also be offered to the scholarship recipient.

### Important Dates

Applications must be received by March 31, 2026. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced in April 2026.

### Selection Process and Requirements

We are looking to reward a California Community College student transferring to an HBCU who:

- Cares about others and their surrounding community
- Values education
- Shows a passion for language and communications

For more details about the selection process and requirements, please visit <https://www.hoffman.com/hbcu-scholarship/>



If you have questions, please reach out to us at [HBCU@Hoffman.com](mailto:HBCU@Hoffman.com)



1. Applicants must be currently enrolled at a California Community College during the 2025–2026 academic year.
2. Provide a letter of acceptance from one of the 39 HBCU partners that participate in the California Community College Guarantee to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
3. Applicants must major in a discipline that falls under the communications umbrella at their attending HBCU.
4. The Selection Council reviews the applications and identifies the top candidates in March 2026.
5. Heather and Lou Hoffman, co-founders of The Hoffman Agency, interview three candidates and announce the scholarship recipient in April 2026.

The Hoffman Agency – a global communications consultancy – is determined to advance diversity across the communications profession with the launch of its scholarship geared towards a California Community College student who transfers to an HBCU to study communications.

# The Moore Family Scholarship

- \$1500 scholarship
- Currently enrolled at an Umoja affiliated college and be an active participant of an Umoja program during the 2025-2026 academic year
- 30+ units completed
- 2.5 GPA
- Deadline: May 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- All scholarship details and the application link can be found on the Umoja website, with ongoing updates on Instagram: [@umojaedu](https://www.instagram.com/umojaedu)



# Cal-HBCU Transfer Grant



**CSAC** CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

## CAL-HBCU TRANSFER GRANT (CAL-HBCU) PROGRAM

Students who transfer from California Community Colleges to eligible, partnered Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) can receive up to \$5,000 in one-time grant funds.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a California community college student who has earned an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT).
- Enroll (or plan to enroll) at an eligible HBCU.
- Demonstrate unmet financial need.
- Intend to return to California after graduating from the eligible HBCU.



### HBCU ELIGIBILITY

Eligible HBCUs meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have an ADT Memorandum of Understanding on file with the California Community College's Chancellor's Office.
- Maintain a federal student loan Cohort Default Rate (CDR) below 15.5% and a graduation rate above 30%.
- Are regionally accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

The list of eligible HBCUs is available on the Cal-HBCU website.

**For more information and the application, please visit us at:**

**CSAC.CA.GOV/CAL-HBCU**

# Resources

# Resources & Opportunities

- ❖ Annual Counselor In-Service Training
- ❖ Transfer Search Tool - <https://icangotocollege.com/transfer-tool>
- ❖ HBCU Tour
- ❖ Common Black College Application
- ❖ UNCF & Thurgood Marshall College Fund – HBCU specific scholarships
- ❖ Complete the FAFSA
- ❖ Annual CCC to HBCU Caravan - October/November
- ❖ HBCU Athletic Showcase/Combines - National College Resource Foundation
  - Men's Basketball – April 11, 2026 (Lynwood, CA)
  - Women's Basketball – April 10-11, 2026 (Lynwood, CA)
  - Football – April 24-25, 2026 (Long Beach, CA)

# CCC to HBCU Transfer Summit

## What is it?

- Professional Development
- HBCU President Fireside Chat
- CCC to HBCU Student Panel
- Collaborate and connect with partner HBCUs
- Workshops to learn how to support HBCU transfer, ADT pathways, basic needs and support available at HBCUs
- Partner HBCU Tours (roundtrip transportation provided for tours) and more!

## Who should attend?

- California Community College employees – counselors, coordinators, Transfer Center Directors, Counseling Deans, Student Services VPs, etc.
- Do you support/prepare students for transfer, Umoja students, A2MEND students, Puente students, NextUp scholars, Rising Scholars Network, student-athletes, Honors students, MESA students and more

**Note: this event is for CCC employees, NOT for CCC students**  
Please share with your colleagues!

**REGISTER NOW**

**CCC** ← **TO** → **HBCU**

**TRANSFER SUMMIT**

**Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**

**Learn More** → 



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