

Alabama HBCU Spotlight

Alabama College Application Week



The White House Initiative on HBCUs:

U.S. Department of Education

There are 101
HBCUs

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: “...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation.”

There are 12 HBCUs
in the
State of Alabama

Alabama A&M University



Founded in 1875 by a former slave, William Hooper Councill and opened as the “Huntsville Normal School” in downtown Huntsville.

Taught industrial education and became the “State Normal and Industrial School at Huntsville.”

Established as a land-grant institution in 1890, named “The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes.”



Alabama A&M University



In 1946, received a “Class A” rating by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1948, named the “Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College.”

In 1963, became a fully accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1969, became “Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.”



Alabama A&M University



LOCATION

4900 Meridian Street,
Normal, Alabama 35762

Phone: (256) 372-5000

Website: www.aamu.edu/

Type: 4-year, Public

Awards offered:

Bachelor's degree,

Master's degree

Doctor's degree – research/scholarship



Alabama State University



Alabama State University was founded in 1867 when a coalition of black Southerners, Northern missionaries, and African-American church leaders was formed to start a school for former slaves.

Under the leadership of nine freedmen, who are now known as the Marion Nine, the Lincoln Normal School opened its doors with only \$500 in donations.



Alabama State University



Now ASU is one of the nation's oldest institutions of higher education, founded by and for black Americans.

With nearly five-thousand undergraduate students enrolled in 31 Alabama State University majors, a sprawling campus and several NCAA Division I sports teams, ASU will continue to raise the bar for historically black colleges and universities throughout the United States.



Alabama State University



LOCATION

915 S Jackson Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36104-0271

Phone: (334) 229-4400

Website: www.alasu.edu

Type: 4-year, Public

Colors: Black and Old Gold

Motto: Opportunity Is Here



Bishop State CC



Bishop State Community College was founded in the summer of 1927, as a Branch of Alabama State College in Montgomery, Alabama.

It was established as an in-service arm of Alabama State College that offered extension courses to African-American elementary and secondary teachers in Mobile.

In 1942, property was acquired on Broad Street where the present Main Campus is located.



Bishop State CC



In 1963, the name “Mobile Branch of Alabama State College” was changed to Alabama State College – Mobile Center.

In 1971, the Alabama State Legislature renamed the college to S. D. Bishop State Junior College & again in 1989 to “Bishop State Community College”



Bishop State CC



LOCATION

351 North Broad Street, Mobile, Alabama
36603-5898

Phone: (251) 405-7000

Website: www.bscc.cc.al.us

Type: 2-year, Public

Awards offered: Less than one year certificate,
One but less than two years certificate, and
Associate's degree



Concordia College



Founded in 1922, Concordia is a private school that provides a Christ-centered education for future leaders of the church, the community and the world.

On November 13, 1922, in a rented cottage at 521 First Avenue, the first classes of Rosa Young's new school were held in Selma, Alabama.

On September 20, 1925, the first buildings on the present campus were dedicated to the glory of God.



Concordia College



On July 1, 1981, the name of the Alabama Lutheran Academy and College was officially changed to Concordia College.

In 1994, SACS granted Concordia accreditation as a baccalaureate-degree granting institution.

In 2010 acquired the property of the United Methodist Children's Home, and expanded the size of the campus from 22 acres to 57.



Concordia College

**Location:**

1804 Green St, Selma, Alabama 36701

Phone: (334) 874-5700 x19714

Website: www.concordiaselma.edu

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Awards offered:

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree



Gadsden State CC



Initially founded in 1925, the Alabama School of Trades was the first state-operated trade school in the southern United States.

The Gadsden Vocational Trade School began in 1960.

In 1962 the State of Alabama assumed ownership of the school and in 1972 it was renamed Gadsden State Technical Institute.



Gadsden State CC



In 1973, the name was changed to Alabama Technical College, and it is currently identified as the East Broad Campus of Gadsden State Community College.

On February 28, 1985, the Alabama State Board of Education merged Alabama Technical College, Gadsden State Technical Institute, and Gadsden State Junior College. Gadsden State Community College was formed.



The U.S. Department of Education designated this institution as a Historically Black College (HBCU) in 1997. It is now identified as the Valley Street Campus of Gadsden State Community College.

Gadsden State CC



LOCATION

1001 George Wallace Dr, Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Phone: (256) 549-8200

Website: www.gadsdenstate.edu

Type: 2-year, Public

Awards offered:

Less than one year certificate

One but less than two years certificate

Associate's degree



Miles College



Miles College began organization efforts in 1893 and was founded in 1898 by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

It was chartered as Miles Memorial College, in honor of Bishop William H. Miles.

The College is one of only 39 HBCUs to have the designation of a United Negro College Fund (UNCF) institution.

In 1941 the name was changed to Miles College.



Miles College



LOCATION

5500 Myron Massey Blvd, Fairfield, Alabama
35064-2621

Phone: (205) 929-1000 x1645

Website: www.miles.edu

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Awards offered:

Bachelor's degree



Oakwood University



Oakwood University was founded in 1896 as Oakwood Industrial School. Legend has it that the school was named for a stand of oak trees found on the campus.

In 1904, the name was changed to Oakwood Manual Training School, and it was chartered to grant degrees in 1907.

In 1917, the school offered its first instruction at the postsecondary level, and in that same year it changed its name to Oakwood Junior College.

In 1943, Oakwood received its first accreditation as a junior college.



Oakwood University



LOCATION

7000 Adventist Blvd NW, Huntsville, Alabama
35896

Phone: (256) 726-7000

Website: www.oakwood.edu

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Awards offered:

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Postbaccalaureate certificate

Master's degree



Selma University



The institution was founded in 1878 as the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School to train African Americans as ministers and teachers.

In 1881, the school was incorporated by an act of the legislature under the name of Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School of Selma.

On May 14, 1908 , the name was officially changed to Selma University.



Selma University



In the late 1980s, Selma University developed from a four-year bachelor program in religion and two year liberal arts program to a four-year institution.

On February 20, 2009, Selma University received Initial Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education in Canada and the United States.



Selma University



LOCATION

1501 Lapsley St, Dinkins Hall, Selma, Alabama
36701

Phone: (334) 872-2533

Website: www.selmauniversity.org

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Awards offered:

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Master's degree



Shelton State CC



SHELTON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Tuscaloosa Trade School was created by the Alabama State Board of Education in 1950 and opened for classes in 1952.

Its campus was located southeast of downtown, near what is now the intersection of 15th Street/Veterans Memorial Drive and McFarland Boulevard.

In 1954, the school was renamed JP Shelton Trade School in honor of one of the state legislature who lobbied for the opening of the trade school in Tuscaloosa.



Shelton State CC



SHELTON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In 1976, the school's name was changed to Shelton State Technical College.

In 1975, Brewer State Junior College (now Beville State Community College) opened a branch campus in Tuscaloosa.

Shelton State Community College was established on January 1, 1979, by the state Board of Education by combining Shelton State and the Tuscaloosa branch of Brewer State.

Tuscaloosa State Trade School was created by the state legislature in 1963.



Shelton State CC



SHELTON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In 1974, the institution became Tuscaloosa State Technical College and was authorized by the Alabama State Board of Education to grant associate degrees.

In 1976, the college name was changed to C. A. Fredd State Technical College to honor the first president of the institution.

In 1994, Fredd State merged with Shelton State.



Shelton State CC



SHELTON STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LOCATION

9500 Old Greensboro Rd, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
35405-8522

Phone: (205) 391-2211

Website: www.sheltonstate.edu

Type: 2-year, Public

Awards offered:

Less than one year certificate

One but less than two years certificate

Associate's degree



Stillman College



Stillman College, authorized by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1875, held its first classes in 1876 and was chartered as a legal corporation by the State of Alabama in 1895. At that time, the name was changed from Tuscaloosa Institute to Stillman Institute.

Between 1930 and 1946, it operated a hospital and nurse training school.

Under the administration of Dr. Samuel Burney Hay (1948-1965), the school sought to expand into a senior liberal arts institution and in 1948 the name was officially changed to Stillman College.



Stillman College



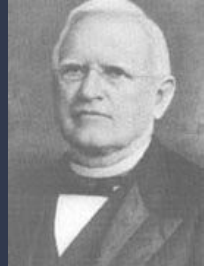
The following year, Stillman expanded into a four-year college and graduated its first baccalaureate class in 1951.

The College was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1953.

In 2004 the College received its first-ever ranking among top tier schools in U.S. News and World Report and continues to hold this distinction.



Stillman College



LOCATION

3601 Stillman Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
35403

Phone: (205) 349-4240

Website: www.stillman.edu

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Awards offered:

Bachelor's degree



Talladega College



As Alabama's oldest private HBCU, Talladega College has a long and distinguished history as an undergraduate institution for African-American students.

On November 20, 1865, Talladega College was created by a convention of freedmen. Three African-American leaders — William Savery, Thomas Tarrant, and Ambrose Headen— worked with General Wager Swayne of the Freedmen's Bureau to open a school for the children of former slaves; under their care, the Swayne School building was purchased and filled with more than 100 students.



Talladega College



LOCATION

627 W Battle St, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Phone: (256) 761-6100

Website: www.talladega.edu

Type: 4-year, Private

Degrees Awarded:

Bachelors and Masters

Motto: An Education of Distinction



Tuskegee University



TUSKEGEE
UNIVERSITY

Tuskegee University was founded in 1881, when W.F. Foster won the election for Alabama State Senate with the support of Lewis Adams (an African-American community leader) and the constituents that he rallied to his cause. In exchange for their votes, Foster pushed legislation to create the Tuskegee Normal School for Colored Teachers.

With the aid of Booker T. Washington, who left his position as a Hampton Institute teacher to become the principal of the new school, the student population grew from a small contingent of local students to an international community of African descent.



Tuskegee University



TUSKEGEE
UNIVERSITY

During the 20th Century, the school became known for the groundbreaking accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen and disastrous implications of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment. But through it all, Tuskegee University was still dedicated to its first (and most important) mission: the education and edification of African-American students.



Tuskegee University



TUSKEGEE
UNIVERSITY

LOCATION

Kresge Center, 3rd Floor, Tuskegee, Alabama
36088-1920

Phone: (334) 727-8011

Website: www.tuskegee.edu

Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit

Degrees Awarded:

Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate

Motto: Knowledge, Leadership, Service



RESOURCES

All Information in the Alabama HBCU slides came from the following:

<https://hbculifestyle.com/list-of-hbcu-schools/>

List of ALL 101 HBCUs:

<https://nces.ed.gov/COLLEGENAVIGATOR/?s=all&sp=4&pg=1>