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Talladega College earns U.S. News and World Report ranking in three categories

(Talladega, AL) Talladega College has been ranked in three categories in the prestigious *U.S. News and World Report 2021 Best Colleges Guide*. This is the third consecutive year that the college has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

“There are over 4,000 colleges and universities in the nation. Ranking high enough to be included in the *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Guide* is a tremendous honor. Our inclusion in three categories - National Liberal Arts Colleges, Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs) and Top Performers on Social Mobility - makes us especially proud,” said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins.

U.S. News & World Report rankings are based upon data collected during annual college surveys. Its annual Best Colleges Guide helps prospective students research and compare top colleges and universities in the U.S. In addition to being ranked in *U.S. News & World Report*, Talladega was also recently listed among the *Princeton Review*'s “Best Southeastern Colleges.” In its “2021 Best Colleges: Region by Region” section, the *Princeton Review* notes that many students are drawn to Talladega because of its “amazing scholarships” and “family-like atmosphere” as well as its fantastic academic programs and “outstanding” and “supportive” professors.

Talladega College prominent graduates include acclaimed civil right attorney Arthur Shores, renowned scientist Jewel Plummer Cobb, Ebony Fashion Fair founder and philanthropist Eunice W. Johnson, poets Nikki Finney and Honorée Fanonne Jeffers, Senators Nikema Williams and Hank Sanders, acclaimed researcher and Duke University Professor Emeritus Sherman James, Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders, Principal Deputy/ Department of Defense Chief Information Officer Essie Miller, Coaxum's Low Country Cuisine President and CEO Harry Coaxum, Coaxum Enterprise President Henry Coaxum, attorney Jim Cole, Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey, Columbus City Manager Isaiah Hugley, artist Dr. Art Bacon, and many other noteworthy individuals.

Talladega has recently undergone unprecedented campus-wide renovation. A new state-of-the-art residence hall opened in January 2019. The Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of Art, which houses Hale Woodruff's critically-acclaimed Amistad Murals and other great works of art, opened in January 2020, and the Dr. Billy C. Hawkins Student Activity Center opened in August, 2020.

The College recently graduated the first cohort to complete its online Master of Science in Computer Information Systems. The 100% online, fully-accredited program has a curriculum that aligns with industry standards and can be completed in as little as 18 months.

About Talladega College

The first private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from the *New York Times* during a three-year, eight-city tour.