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**Residence hall ribbon-cutting ceremony at Talladega College
First of three major campus facilities to open in 2019**



(Talladega, AL- January 11, 2019) Talladega College will celebrate the opening of its new, state-of-the-art residence hall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The 45,000 square-foot building is located on the College campus at 130 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. It features 103 suites for approximately 201 students; group study rooms and lounges; and energy-efficient features such as LED lighting and access control cards for entry. The residence hall is the first of three major construction projects to be completed on the College campus in 2019. The College is also constructing its first-ever student center as well as the Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of Art

Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins stated, “We are excited about providing students with a state-of-the-art residence hall. This is the first new facility on campus in many years, and it will definitely enhance our recruitment efforts by attracting many new students. We are thrilled about all of the growth on campus, and we encourage community members to join us for the ribbon-cuttings ceremony next week.”

The student center is scheduled to open in August. The 47,000 square-foot facility will include a 2,000-seat gymnasium, dining hall, full kitchen, concession stand, coffee lounge, convenience store, fitness area, and multipurpose rooms.. There will also be a health care clinic and a large convocation center with breakout rooms. The museum, which will house Hale Woodruff’s critically-acclaimed Amistad Murals and other works of art, is scheduled to open in October. For information on room naming opportunities, contact Mr. Seddrick T. Hill, Sr, vice president of Institutional Advancement, at (256) 761-8832.

Talladega College had record-breaking enrollment numbers for the 2018-2019 academic year. The College was listed among the Princeton Review’s 2018-2019 best colleges in the Southeast and named one of U.S. News and World Report’s 2019 best regional colleges and best HBCUs. Talladega recently launched its first-ever graduate program, a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems with an emphasis available in cybersecurity or health informatics.

About Talladega College

The oldest 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-museum tour.