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**Talladega College to close campus for two weeks
Students will complete spring semester online**

(Talladega, AL) Talladega College will close its campus for two weeks beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Most faculty and staff will work remotely. Students will complete their spring semester classes online.

All face-to-face classes will be suspended by Friday, March 20, 2020. Students will not return to campus after March 20 without securing approval from the Vice President of Student Affairs. Online course instruction will begin March 30, 2020, and will be provided throughout the remainder of the spring semester.

Only students with extenuating circumstances who have contacted the College's Student Affairs Department to arrange for accommodations will remain in the residence halls after March 20.

The decision to close campus and increase social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic is in keeping with recommendations from local, regional and national health agencies including the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), and Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AAICU).

The College has established the Student Care Emergency Assistance Fund (SCEAF) to provide relief for students facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Contributions will assist students with travel expenses related to returning home; housing and food insecurity; technology required to access virtual learning; and lost wages due to coronavirus-related closings.

At this time, faculty and staff are scheduled to return to campus on April 6, 2020 and commencement is scheduled for May 3, 2020. The College will continue to maintain contact with local, state and federal health authorities and keep students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni apprised of any changes or updates.

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* and others during a three year, eight-city tour.