

# HBCU Facts

Did You Know?

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The Institute for Colored Youth (briefly the African Institute at its founding) opened on a farm outside Philadelphia in 1837. It is today [Cheyney University of Pennsylvania](#), which is part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. It is the first HBCU.





## Keshia Knight Pulliam

Pulliam, who played Rudy Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*, graduated Spelman in 2001. While in college, she was a member of the [Delta Sigma Theta Sorority](#).



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# HBCUs in the United States

- Represent less than 3% of colleges & universities
- Enroll 12% of all African American students
- Produce 23% of all African American graduates
- Confer 40% of all STEM degrees
- 60% of all engineering degrees are earned by African American students

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Black Enterprise*

## Taraji P. Henson

As a theatre arts major at **Howard University**, Academy Award-nominated actress Taraji P. Henson worked as a secretary at the Pentagon to pay the bills.



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# HBCUs in the United States

- Educate 50% of African American teachers and 40% of African American health professionals
- 70 percent of African American dentists and physicians earned degrees at HBCUs.
- 58% of HBCUs offer students the opportunity to study abroad.

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# Toni Morrison

This Nobel Prize-winning author of such esteemed classics as *Song of Solomon* and *Beloved* graduated from **Howard University** with a degree in English in 1953.



# HBCUs in the United States

Among African Americans, the following represents HBCU graduates:



**50%**

Professors at Non-HBCUs



**50%**

Lawyers



**80%**

Judges

*Thurgood Marshall College Fund, The Network Journal*



## Pam Oliver

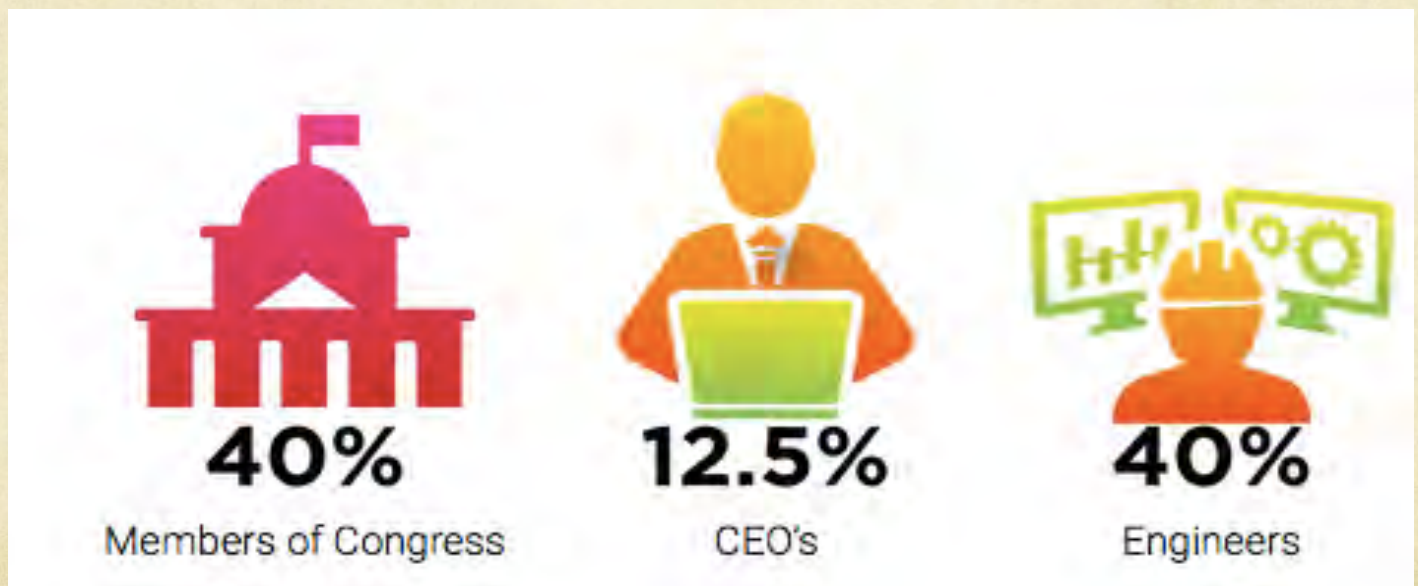
Seen on the sidelines of many NBA and NFL games, the ESPN, Fox Sports and TNT reporter first got her feet wet graduating with a degree in broadcast journalism from **Florida A&M University** in 1984.



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# HBCUs in the United States

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## Oprah Winfrey

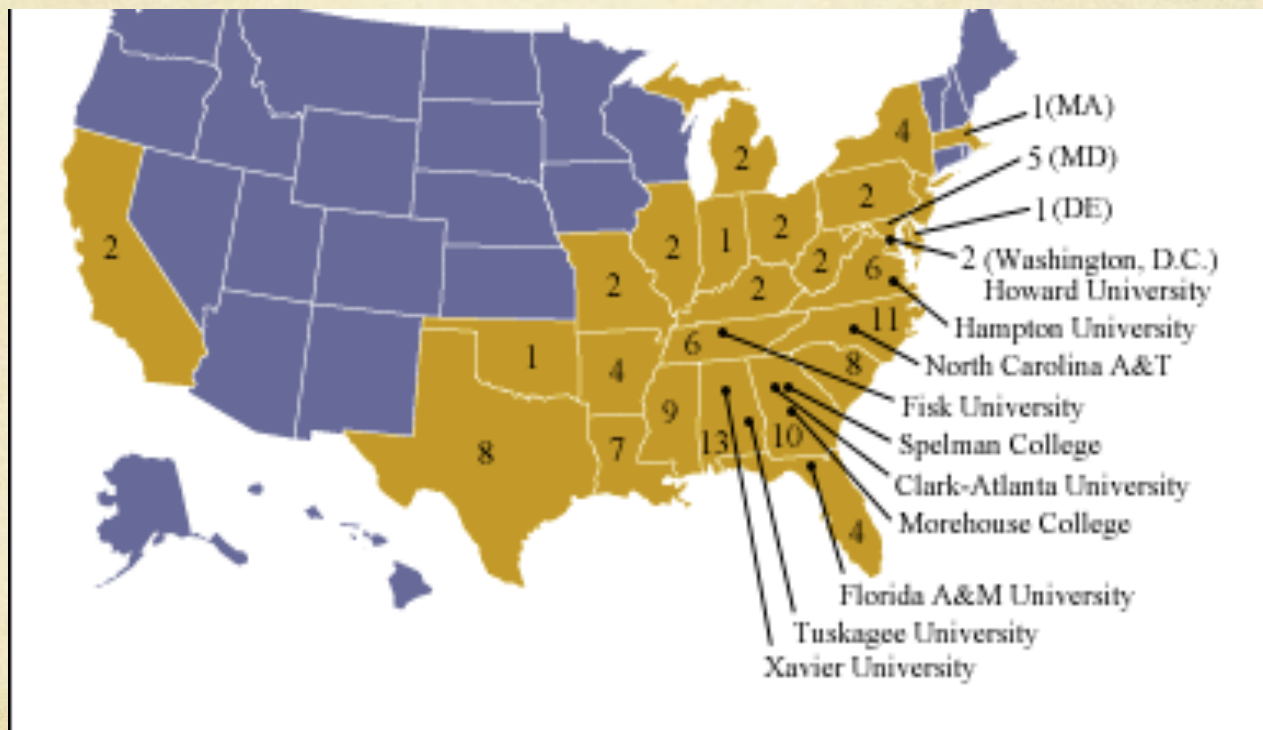
Winfrey's broadcasting career got a major boost while she was still a student at **Tennessee State University**. While in college, she was offered a job as an anchor at the local CBS affiliate. She took the position after a teacher told her broadcasting jobs were "the reason people go to college."



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# HBCU Geographical Map



The number represents the number of historically black colleges and universities in each state.

## Common

Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr. (aka "Common," and formerly "Common Sense") attended **Florida A&M University** earning a degree in business administration before some recognition by *The Source* magazine propelled his career into rap and acting.



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# Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking

#1 Spelman College Atlanta, GA

Tuition & Fees: \$26,388 Enrollment: 2,135  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 54%

#2 Howard University Washington, DC

Tuition & Fees: \$23,970 Enrollment: 10,265  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 48.4%

#3 Hampton University Hampton, VA

Tuition & Fees: \$23,100 Enrollment: 4,397  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 29.1%



## Rev. Jesse Jackson

The civil rights activist often regarded as among the most important of black leaders got his start at the University of Illinois, but not before transferring to and graduating from **North Carolina A&T** in 1964. Add to that, Jackson earned an honorary theological doctorate from the Chicago Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity Degree years after dropping out thanks to his prior credits and life experience.



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# Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking

#4 Morehouse College Atlanta, GA

Tuition & Fees: \$26,090 Enrollment: 2,109  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 84%

#5 Tuskegee University Tuskegee, AL

Tuition & Fees: \$21,535 Enrollment: 3,103  
Fall Acceptance Rate: 47.9%

#6 Xavier University of Louisiana New Orleans, LA

Tuition & Fees: \$22,349 Enrollment: 2,976  
Fall Acceptance Rate: 66%



## Sean Combs

While Sean "Puffy/P. Diddy/Diddy" Combs was attending **Howard**, he also interned at Uptown records, commuting on the weekends from Washington D.C. to New York City. Not officially graduated, he dropped out of school to pursue music full-time, but that's OK: According to *Forbes*, he's estimated at \$550 million in net worth as of 2012.



*Huffington Post*



# Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking

#7 [Fisk University](#) Nashville, TN

Tuition & Fees: \$20,858 Enrollment: 773

Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 83.4%

#8 [Claflin University](#) Orangeburg, SC

Tuition & Fees: \$15,650 Enrollment: 1,866 Fall

Acceptance Rate 2014: 43.8%

#9 [North Carolina A&T State University](#) Greensboro, NC

Tuition & Fees: in-state: \$5,872, out-of-state: \$18,632

Enrollment: 10,725 Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 57.6%

## Samuel L. Jackson

Jackson was originally a marine biology major at Morehouse College before switching his focus to acting.



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# Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking

- #10 [Florida A&M University](#) Tallahassee, FL  
Tuition & Fees: in-state: \$5,784, out-of-state: \$17,726  
Enrollment: 10,241 Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 49%
- #11 [Tougaloo College](#) Tougaloo, MS  
Tuition & Fees: \$10,600 Enrollment: 900  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 42.3%
- #12 [North Carolina Central University](#) Durham, NC  
Tuition & Fees: in-state: \$5,755, out-of-state: \$17,793  
Enrollment: 7,687 Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 43.2%

## Colbert I. King

A Howard graduate in government studies, King used his writing prowess to earn a Pulitzer Prize during his tenure as columnist for the *Washington Post*, of which he served as deputy editor for its editorial page until 2007. King is now a frequent panelist on ABC's *Inside Washington*.



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## Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking

- #13 [Jackson State University](#) Jackson, MS  
Tuition & Fees: in-state: \$6,602, out-of-state: \$16,174  
Enrollment: 9,508 Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 26.1%
- #14 [Dillard University](#) New Orleans, LA  
Tuition & Fees: \$16,252 Enrollment: 1,200  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 40.6%
- #15 [Bennett College](#) Greensboro, NC  
Tuition & Fees: \$17,130 Enrollment: 633  
Fall Acceptance Rate 2014: 91.8%

## Jerry Rice

The Mississippi Valley State graduate has since become recognized as not only the greatest wide receiver in NFL history, but among the greatest at any position--winning three Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers, as well as an AFC Championship with the Oakland Raiders.



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## HBCUs in the United States

In 2000, **Xavier University** in New Orleans individually produced more successful African American medical school applicants (94) than...

Johns Hopkins (20),

Harvard (37), and

The University of Maryland (24) combined.

## Evelynn H. Hammonds

Earning her first degree in physics from Spelman in 1976, Hammonds went on to accumulate degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard, ultimately returning to the latter alma mater to head the college in 2008 as Dean. Through her work for equal rights for blacks and women, Hammonds' writing on science with regard to gender and race is often cited in greater academic circles.



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## HBCUs in the United States

HBCUs significantly contribute to the creation of African American science degree holders:

agriculture (51.6 percent),  
biology (42.2 percent),  
computer science (35 percent),  
physical science (43 percent), and  
social science (23.2 percent).

## Herman Cain

Cain, who threw his hat in the ring for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, graduated **Morehouse** in 1967. He studied mathematics.



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# HBCUs in the United States

HBCUs produce:

44 percent of all African American bachelor's degrees awarded for communications technology,

33 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded for engineering technology, and

43 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded for mathematics.

*Cleveland Council of Black Colleges Alumni Association*

## Spike Lee

Shelton "Spike" Lee got his BA in Mass Communication from **Morehouse** in 1979, where he also lensed his first student film, *Last Hustle in Brooklyn*.



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## HBCUs in the United States

**Spelman and Bennett Colleges** produce over half of the nation's African American women who go on to earn doctorates in all science fields; more than produced by the Ivy League's Seven Sisters combined (Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Wellesley, and Vassar Colleges).

## Alice Walker

Pulitzer Prize-winner Walker entered Spelman College in 1961. After two years there, she transferred to Sarah Lawrence in New York to finish her education.



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# HBCUs in the United States

HBCUs disproportionately enroll low-income, first-generation and academically underprepared college students –precisely the students that the country most needs to obtain college degrees.

## Leon Dash

Dash, a **Howard** graduate, is a former reporter of the *Washington Post* and won a Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Journalism for his eight-part story on a woman and her family's struggle in the projects of Washington, D.C.—a piece also recognized as one of the best 100 in 20th century American journalism by NYU's journalism department.

Dash is also a founder of the National Association of Black Journalists.



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# HBCUs in the United States

More than 75% of students at HBCUs rely on Pell Grants and nearly 13% rely on PLUS Loans to meet their college expenses.



## Wanda Sykes

Sykes attended **Hampton University**. After graduating in 1986, she worked at the National Security Agency for five years.



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# HBCUs in the United States

- HBCUs have 1/8 of the average size of endowments than historically white colleges and universities.
- Against these odds, HBCUs historically have provided an affordable education to millions of students of color, graduating the majority of America's African American teachers, doctors, judges, engineers, and other scientific and technological professionals.

## Erykah Badu

Erica Abi Wright (better known as the First Lady of Neo-Soul, Erykah Badu) studied theatre at **Grambling State University** and was even as campus queen before she dropped out.



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## Texas Leads The Charge in Diversity

- Latino and Asian American enrollment has been particularly vigorous at HBCUs in Texas, reflecting that state's increasingly diverse population.
- At **Prairie View A&M University**, Latino students now represent 4% of the student body, a 123% increase from 1980.
- Similarly, both **Texas College** and **Huston-Tillotson University** have seen proportional growth of their Latino students—by 9% and 19%, respectively (NCES, 2011).
- The three HBCUs with the highest Asian American enrollment also hail from the Lone Star State: **Texas Southern University**, **Prairie View A&M University**, and **St. Phillips College**.

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The Honda Battle of the Bands was created to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of Black college marching bands and the unique academic experience offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Honda annually awards more than \$200,000 in grants to participating marching bands during the program period.