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Talladega College Announces 3rd Consecutive Record-Setting Enrollment Increase



Talladega, AL - Talladega College has set a record for the largest enrollment in its 153-year history. Enrollment has risen to an all-time high of 1313 students, making the 2020-2021 academic year Talladega's 3rd consecutive years for record enrollment increases. This number represents a six percent overall increase and a 27% increase in new students. The previous record was set last year, when the college enrolled 1,230 students for the 2019-2020 academic year. Talladega also enjoyed a record-high enrollment increase in the 2018-2019 academic year, when the student population increased to 1,216.

“There are several factors driving admission at Talladega College. We have outstanding academic programs, beautiful new facilities, positive rankings, conference-winning athletic teams, and a phenomenal band and choir. We also have a dynamic admissions team that works closely with prospective students to show them the value of coming to Talladega,” said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins.

Talladega College is ranked in three categories in the prestigious *U.S. News and World Report 2021 Best Colleges Guide* - National Liberal Arts Colleges, Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs) and Top Performers on Social Mobility. The *Princeton Review* named Talladega College among the “Best Southeastern Colleges” in its “2021 Best Colleges: Region by Region” section. Talladega has also been listed among *Kiplinger's* best value colleges.

Talladega College's new state-of-the-art residence hall opened in January 2019. The Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of Art, which houses the critically-acclaimed Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals and other works of art, opened in January 2020. In addition, 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 institution's first graduate program.

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.