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Talladega College Board of Trustees Names Isaiah Hugley as Chairman



Talladega, AL - Columbus, Georgia City Manager Isaiah Hugley, M.P.P.A., has been selected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Talladega College. With over 30 years of experience at the executive management level of local government, Mr. Hugley brings a wealth of experience to the Board. For 13 years, he has served as city manager for the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government, managing more than 3000 employees and an annual budget of over \$270 million. Mr. Hugley also serves as an adjunct professor at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia, where he teaches local government management. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Talladega College since 2015.

A 1979 graduate of Talladega College, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/Pre Law, and went on to earn a Masters of Public Policy and Public Administration from Mississippi State University in 1980. He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Georgia City – County Management Association Pillar of Professional Management award (2015) and The Legacy of Leadership Award (2016).

Expressing his excitement about serving as Chairman, Mr. Hugley states, “First, I remain excited and ‘Dega Proud’ that our Institution has existed for 150 years, and its rich legacy continues. We continue to recruit and educate young people from all over the world. We are constructing new facilities and improving existing facilities and grounds. Our Board of Trustees is committed to continued excellence at Talladega and has a vision to grow enrollment; continue to engage and embrace alumni; and graduate students who are well-educated, well-rounded to go out and serve communities across the world.”

“My biggest priority as Board Chair is to ensure the Board of Trustees works with President Dr. Billy Hawkins and his administration to ensure the continued success of our Institution through its core values of students first, accountability, integrity and diversity. We must ensure that Talladega’s rich legacy continues,” states Mr. Hugley, an Alabama native who was born in Crawford.

He is married to State Representative Carolyn Fleming Hugley, who has served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 25 years, and is the Democratic Minority Whip (the second ranking Democrat in the Georgia House). They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Hugley will work closely with Board Vice Chair Tracey Morant Adams, Chief Officer of Community Development and Corporate Social Responsibility for Renasant Bank, and Board Secretary Zenda Bowie, Director of Field Services for the Georgia School Board Association.

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-museum tour. For more information, visit www.talladega.edu.