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Talladega College named a 2019 Best Value College by Kiplinger

(Talladega, AL) Talladega College was named a 2019 Best Value College by Kiplinger, a national publisher of business forecasts and personal finance advice. Kiplinger ranked Talladega second among the nation's "10 Best College Values with the Lowest Average Graduating Debt, 2019."

"I was very pleased but not surprised that Talladega College was listed among Kiplinger's 2019 best college values. However, I was pleasantly surprised and thrilled that Talladega earned second place in the entire nation for colleges with low average graduating debt," said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins.

On its website, Kiplinger's notes, "Part of this ranking stems from the initial price tag: Talladega's sticker price before aid is among the 10 lowest for all of our schools. Beyond the sticker price, Talladega's average need-based aid package is \$13,752, which knocks off more than half the cost. About three-fourths of students borrow, with the school able to meet 67% of need."

Talladega is listed among the Princeton Review's 2018-2019 best colleges in the Southeast and named one of U.S. News & World Report's 2019 best regional colleges and best HBCUs. In addition, the College recently launched its first-ever graduate program, a [Master of Science in Computer Information Systems](#).

The College's first-ever student center is scheduled to open in November 2019. 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 College is also constructing the Dr. William R. Harvey Museum of Art. The museum, which will house Hale Woodruff's critically-acclaimed Amistad Murals and other works of art, is scheduled to open this fall.

High rankings and robust construction across the campus have helped to increase the visibility of the College, which enjoyed a record-breaking enrollment increase for the 2018-2019 academic year.

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-city tour.