



THE INVESTITURE OF
DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.
FEBRUARY 19-21, 2026

**UNMASKING
EXCELLENCE:**
THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA
INVESTITURE GALA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
BILLY C. HAWKINS STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER ARENA | 7PM



President Willie L. Todd, Jr.

22ND PRESIDENT OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. is the 22nd President of Talladega College, a historic liberal arts institution founded in 1867 and located in Talladega, Alabama. A nationally respected higher education leader with more than 33 years of experience, President Todd has dedicated his career to advancing access, excellence, and opportunity within Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Prior to his appointment at Talladega College, Dr. Todd served as President and CEO of Denmark Technical College in South Carolina, where he led a nationally recognized institutional turnaround. His leadership was marked by strategic vision, fiscal stabilization, strengthened academic programs, and a renewed focus on student success. Throughout his presidency, he cultivated a culture grounded in accountability, compassion, and innovation—expanding student leadership while building a campus-wide ethos of care and belonging.

Driven by a deep passion for the mission of HBCUs, President Todd is now leading Talladega College through a bold era of transformation anchored in his guiding framework, “Reimagining Liberal Arts Education.” His vision emphasizes student-centered learning, experiential education, innovation, and institutional sustainability—while honoring Talladega’s historic legacy as the “Alpha Lyrae Vega” among institutions of higher learning.

President Todd’s distinguished leadership has been recognized with numerous honors, including being named CEO/President of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners, a “Shining Star” Award from the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, and the Diamond Award for excellence in education, leadership, philanthropy, humanitarianism, and community engagement from the Not Alone Foundation and the Academy of the Diamond. He also served as President of the Presidents’ Council for the South Carolina Technical College System during 2023–2024, becoming the first Denmark Technical College president to hold that position.





His prior leadership roles include serving as president and also as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs at Denmark Technical College; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wiley University; Vice Provost and also Associate Vice Provost at Norfolk State University, and various roles at Clark Atlanta University.

A committed servant-leader beyond the academy, President Todd is an active member of the Presidents' Roundtable of African American CEOs, the HBCU Learning Ecosystem, 100 Black Men of America, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he is a regional and national Life member.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board for Talladega County and also a member of the Presidents' Advisory Board for the National HBCU Title III Administrators.

A native of West Point, Georgia, and raised in Decatur, Georgia, Dr. Todd holds a Ph.D. in English from Georgia State University, a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from Regent University, and both a Master of Education in English Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Albany State University. He is the proud father of two daughters, Tatia and Jessica.

President Todd continues to lead his life and work grounded in faith and purpose, guided by two principles he first penned in his senior yearbook and still lives by today: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," and "The intention is not to see through one another, but to see one another through."

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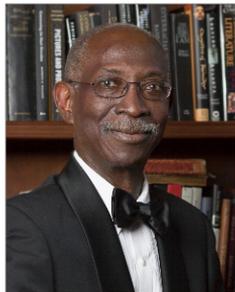
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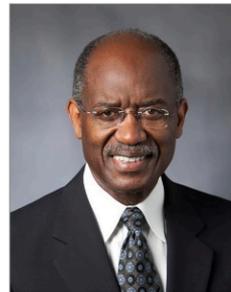
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Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.

President & CEO

Dear Distinguished Guests, Honored Alumni, Esteemed Supporters, and Cherished Friends of Talladega College,

Grace and peace to you, and welcome to this historic Investiture Gala commemorating my service as the 22nd President of Talladega College.

Your presence this evening is far more than ceremonial. It is a powerful affirmation of faith in this institution, confidence in its future, and commitment to the young men and women whose lives are transformed on this sacred ground. In gathering here, you honor not only a presidential transition, but a legacy that began in 1867 and continues to shine brightly beneath the guiding light of Alpha Lyrae Vega.

Talladega College has long stood as a beacon of scholarship, resilience, and righteous purpose. Founded in faith and forged through perseverance, this College has produced educators, jurists, scientists, ministers, artists, entrepreneurs, and twenty-three alumni who went on to serve as college or university presidents. Such a legacy does not happen by accident. It is the result of vision, sacrifice, and unwavering belief in the power of education to elevate individuals and uplift communities.

As we look toward the future, we do so with bold intention. We are committed to reimagining liberal arts education for a new era—one that honors our storied traditions while embracing innovation, ethical artificial intelligence, experiential learning, micro-credentialing, and workforce alignment. We believe every student should graduate with a degree in one hand and real-world experience in the other. The liberal arts are not relics of the past; they are the intellectual and moral framework for adaptable thinkers, principled leaders, and courageous change agents prepared to shape a complex and evolving world.

Tonight, I extend profound gratitude to our alumni, donors, trustees, faculty, staff, community partners, and friends. Your generosity, advocacy, and steadfast support make opportunity possible. You are co-architects of this next chapter. Because of you, Talladega College remains a place where promise is discovered, purpose is refined, and potential is realized.

As we celebrate this moment, may we also recommit ourselves to the sacred work ahead. The charge before us is clear: to steward this institution with integrity, to elevate it with excellence, and to ensure that Talladega College reaches heights greater than she has ever known.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in our mission. And thank you for helping us forge onward—together—into a future defined by faith, vision, and impact.

Forging onward with deep appreciation!



A. Clifton Myles

Provost & Executive Vice President

Dear Honored Guests and Supporters of Talladega College,

On behalf of the academic leadership of Talladega College, I am pleased to welcome you to the Investiture Gala celebrating the installation of Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. as the 22nd President of Talladega College.

This evening represents more than a ceremonial observance. It reflects the academic heart of the College and our enduring commitment to intellectual excellence. At Talladega College, teaching and learning remain central to our identity. We proudly uphold the traditions of the liberal arts while intentionally preparing students to think critically, communicate effectively, engage ethically, and lead with purpose in a complex and evolving world.

As we look toward the future, we remain focused on strengthening academic programs, expanding research and experiential learning opportunities, and cultivating an environment where students are challenged, supported, and inspired to achieve their highest potential. Our work seeks not only to educate minds, but also to develop character, responsibility, and a commitment to service.

Your presence and partnership affirm the importance of this mission. Through your support, Talladega College continues to empower students to become thoughtful citizens, innovative professionals, and principled leaders who will positively shape communities near and far.

Thank you for joining us in this moment of celebration and shared vision. I look forward to the continued advancement of our academic enterprise together.

In service to scholarship and community,

Dr. A. Clifton Myles
Provost and Executive Vice President



Tia Wright-Richards

Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Dear Esteemed Donor,

On behalf of the Office of Institutional Advancement, thank you for your generous support of Talladega College. Your partnership sustains the mission of this historic institution and strengthens our capacity to educate, inspire, and prepare the next generation of leaders. We are deeply grateful for your continued confidence in the College and for the meaningful role you play in its progress.

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Investiture Gala honoring the installation of Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This celebration represents more than a ceremonial milestone. It reflects a shared commitment among all who believe in the enduring promise of Talladega College and the students we serve.

Because of your generosity, the College continues to expand opportunities, preserve its legacy, and build a stronger future. We hope this evening provides both an enjoyable experience and a meaningful reminder of the impact your support makes possible.

We look forward to celebrating with you and thank you again for standing with Talladega College.

With sincere appreciation,

Tia Wright-Richards

Vice President of Institutional Advancement

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STATE OF ALABAMA

February 17, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
Talladega College
Office of the President
627 West Battle Street
Talladega, Alabama 35160



Dear President Todd:

Congratulations on being selected the 22nd President of Talladega College. I commend you on your three decades of experience and outstanding achievements in the education system. Your dedication and hard work are a true testament of great leadership. Well done!

Thank you for your willingness and commitment to serving the students and faculty at Talladega College. You're highly recognized for consistently going above and beyond what is required and you represent the high level of professionalism that exists in the education community.

Thank you for your service and contributions to the great state of Alabama, and I wish you all the best in your position as president.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey
Governor

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February 20, 2026

Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the occasion of your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. Unfortunately, previously scheduled commitments have prevented me from being in attendance. However, I am grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge the significance of this important milestone for you and the Talladega College community.

I wish to express my appreciation for the strong working relationship we developed over the years. While South Carolina certainly felt your departure, it is clear that Talladega College is in exceptionally capable hands. Your visionary leadership, impeccable character, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence have long been evident, and I am confident those qualities will continue to guide your service.

I also commend Talladega College for its enduring legacy as Alabama's oldest private historically Black liberal arts institution and for its continued commitment to academic excellence and leadership development. For more than 158 years, this storied institution has played a vital role in molding generations of leaders. I know with you at the helm this institution will continue its path of prosperity for many years to come.

Your appointment as President comes at the dawn of a pivotal moment in higher education. At a time when new advancements in science and technology are rapidly changing our world, institutions of higher learning have the unique responsibility of preparing students to meet the academic and societal challenges that are presented to us. I am confident that under your strong, bold leadership Talladega College will meet this moment and advance new opportunities for institutional growth and student success.

My best wishes are extended to you, the faculty and staff, students, alumni, and all those gathered to mark this exciting new chapter in Talladega College's history. My office and I extend our warmest congratulations and wish you continued success during your tenure.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress



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February 20, 2026



Dear President Todd, Members of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Students, and the Talladega College Community,

It is with great pride and sincere congratulations that I extend my greetings to Talladega College on the investiture of its 22nd President, Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.

Talladega College has long stood as the Alpha Lyrae Vega of them all—a beacon of academic excellence, leadership, and service—and this historic occasion marks an exciting new chapter in the institution's distinguished legacy. I am a proud third-generation Talladega alumna. From attending my mama's commencement in 1980, when Jesse Jackson spoke, to delivering the 2022 Talladega College announcement myself, this college means so much to me. Talladega College poured into me, and made me who I am today. I have carried the lessons I learned here all the way to the halls of Congress.

I am confident that under Dr. Todd's leadership, Talladega College will continue to empower students, strengthen its academic mission, and expand its influence for generations to come.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this significant occasion. I wish President Todd, the faculty, staff, students, and alumni the very best as you move forward together in this new era of leadership.

Yours for the People,

Nikema Williams
Member of Congress



Dear Dr. Todd,

I would like to personally congratulate you on your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. As you assume this distinguished leadership role at one of Alabama's outstanding higher education institutions, I wish you every success in guiding Talladega College forward.

As Alabama's oldest private HBCU, Talladega College has continued to cement itself as an institution of excellence and innovation. I am confident that under your leadership, the college will continue to honor its incredible legacy of academic success.

Please accept my best wishes as you embark on your new role along with my commitment to be a strong partner at the federal level—do not hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of service. I am eager to witness Talladega College's continued impact on the great state of Alabama and our next generation in the years ahead.



Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature that reads "Katie".

Katie Boyd Britt
United States Senator



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February 10, 2026

Greetings, Dr. Todd:

It is with great pride and sincere congratulations that I extend Best Wishes to you on the occasion of your Investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This moment represents not only a significant milestone in your distinguished career but also a historic chapter in the enduring legacy of this great institution in its 159th year of excellence.

For generations, Talladega College has stood as the Alpha Lyrae Vega of Academic Excellence; uplifting students, families, and communities locally, nationally, and internationally. As a legislator and longtime supporter of the College I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of the mission.

Your leadership comes at a critical time in Higher Education and in our Nation's History. We must continue to value Intellectual Freedom. I am confident that your vision, experience, and unwavering commitment to students' success will strengthen the Colleges' Foundation. Your presidency promises to further solidify Talladega Colleges' role as a Cornerstone Institution.

I am commending you, Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, students, donors, and community partners who continue to support the Colleges' mission.

Highest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Boyd, Ed.D.".

Barbara Bigsby Boyd, Ed.D
Alabama House of Representatives
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Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd,

It is with great pride and heartfelt congratulations that I extend warm greetings to you on the momentous occasion of your swearing-in as the 22nd President of Talladega College, Alabama's oldest private Historically Black College and University. This milestone is not only a testament to your distinguished leadership and unwavering commitment to higher education, but also a significant moment in the enduring legacy of this historic institution.

As Mayor of the City of Talladega, I am proud to welcome your presidency and look forward to the continued partnership between Talladega College and our community. The College has long been a cornerstone of intellectual excellence, cultural enrichment, and civic engagement, shaping generations of leaders who have gone on to make meaningful contributions across the nation and the world. Your leadership arrives at a pivotal time, and I am confident that your vision will strengthen Talladega College's mission while advancing its tradition of academic rigor, service, and social responsibility.

On a personal note, it is a profound honor to congratulate you not only as Mayor, but also as an alumnus of Talladega College and as your Brother in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Our shared bonds—of brotherhood, scholarship, and service—make this moment especially meaningful. I take great pride in witnessing your ascent to this historic role and in knowing that Talladega College is entrusted to a leader who embodies integrity, excellence, and purpose.

May your presidency be marked by innovation, unity, and continued success. I offer my best wishes and full support as you lead Talladega College into its next chapter of greatness. Congratulations, President Todd.

Respectfully,

Ashton Hall

Ashton S. Hall

City of Talladega Mayor

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City of Birmingham

Office of Mayor Randall L. Woodfin

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February 20, 2026

Dear President Todd,

On behalf of the City of Birmingham, it is my honor to extend heartfelt congratulations on your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This milestone marks a new chapter in the proud legacy of Alabama's oldest private liberal arts HBCU and reflects your visionary leadership and commitment to excellence.

Your presidency has already been defined by meaningful progress. Through securing NC-SARA authorization, expanding distance learning, and launching the TC3 Collaboration with local school districts, you have positioned Talladega as a leader in academic technology and cybersecurity education. The multi-year CISCO partnership, valued at \$1.16 million, along with your strategic financial and organizational restructuring, further strengthens the College's foundation for long-term success.

Your Forging Onward: Reimagine Liberal Arts Strategy honors Talladega's traditions while embracing innovation. By recruiting strong leadership, restoring the College's religious focus, and engaging stakeholders through Listening and Learning Tours, you have reinforced Talladega's mission and deepened its connection to students, alumni, and the broader community.

President Todd, your leadership is a source of pride for the City of Birmingham and the State of Alabama. We celebrate your investiture and look forward to the continued impact of your vision. May your presidency be marked by enduring success, and may Talladega College continue to flourish as a pillar of scholarship, faith, and service.

With warm regards and best wishes for continued success,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. L. Woodfin".

Randall L. Woodfin,
Mayor, City of Birmingham



City of **Montgomery**, *Alabama*



Dear President Todd,

On behalf of the City of Montgomery, I am honored to extend heartfelt congratulations on your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. Gathering within the beautiful and historic Henry Swift DeForest Chapel, this investiture celebrates leadership, scholarship, and the resilient spirit of an institution that has helped define higher education in Alabama and across our nation.

Talladega College's legacy began in the wake of the Civil War, when visionary freedmen William Savery and Thomas Tarrant joined fellow citizens in the urgent work of building a school where education would be the cornerstone of liberty. Early classes convened in a modest two-room home, and as enrollment quickly outpaced space, community leaders and partners secured the former Baptist Academy—later known as Swayne Hall—along with surrounding acreage. In time, the school was chartered as Talladega College, affirming a mission that would endure for generations.

Under the leadership of early presidents and faculty, Talladega expanded from primary and normal courses to collegiate studies and, by the late nineteenth century, began conferring bachelor's degrees. The College's commitment to the liberal arts took root alongside teacher training that strengthened schools across Alabama, preparing graduates to lead in classrooms, churches, courthouses, laboratories, and communities.

The campus itself tells this story: Swayne Hall remains a powerful symbol of Talladega's origins; Savery Library, completed in the twentieth century, became a center of scholarship and housed the celebrated Amistad murals by Hale Woodruff—artworks that honor courage, justice, and the human spirit. DeForest Chapel, graced by stained-glass windows, has long served as a place of reflection and ceremony where Talladega's values are renewed.

Talladega's alumni have advanced civil rights, shaped public life, and enriched American culture. Leaders such as attorneys J. L. Chestnut Jr. and Arthur Shores, artist Hale Woodruff, and national sports figure Deion Sanders reflect the breadth of Talladega's impact and the institution's tradition of excellence. Today, Talladega continues to earn distinction among liberal arts colleges and HBCUs, affirming its role as a catalyst for opportunity, innovation, and social mobility.

Your investiture stands as a bridge between Talladega's compelling past and its bold future. In this moment, the College rededicates itself to forming leaders of character who will tackle complex challenges and uplift communities across Alabama and beyond. We celebrate your vision and the collaborative spirit that will carry Talladega forward—strengthening academic programs, expanding partnerships, and opening wider pathways for students to thrive.

Please accept our warmest congratulations on this milestone. May your tenure be marked by courage, wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to the values that have guided Talladega College since its founding.

With respect and admiration,

Steven L. Reed
Mayor of Montgomery



On behalf of the Talladega College Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to you on your investiture as the Twenty Second President of Talladega College.

This moment marks a pivotal moment in the history of our beloved institution. We are honored and fortunate to have you as the leader as we forge onward to prepare new generations of leaders and great citizens. As a Historically Black College, Talladega College stands on a foundation of legacy, resilience, excellence, and social mobility. Your presidency begins at a time of both opportunity and challenges, and the Board has full confidence in your vision, integrity, and steadfast commitment to advancing the mission of the College.

Your record of service, scholarship, and principled leadership reflects a deep understanding of the role HBCUs play in shaping lives, strengthening communities, and contributing to the broader social and economic fabric of our nation. We are confident that under your leadership, the College will thrive academically, grow strategically, and remain firmly rooted in its historic purpose while boldly embracing the future and the need to reimagine liberal arts education.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to supporting your vision, sharing our resources and expertise and responsibly governing. Please accept our sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success, wisdom, and strength as you lead the Alpha Lyrae Vega of them all.

With highest regards,

Rica Lewis-Payton

Rica Lewis- Payton, '81, MHA, LFACHE
Chair, Talladega College Board of Trustees



TALLADEGA COLLEGE

National Alumni Association

On behalf of the Talladega College National Alumni Association, it is my distinct honor and great pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Willie Todd Jr. on the momentous occasion of his investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College.

Dr. Todd's commitment to academic excellence, student success, and institutional growth reflects the enduring values that have shaped Talladega College since its founding. His vision for innovation, inclusion, and elevated achievement resonates deeply with our alumni community, who remain steadfast in our devotion to the College's mission and future.

As alumni, we celebrate this new chapter with profound pride and tremendous optimism. We look forward to partnering with Dr. Todd as he leads Talladega College into an era defined by strengthened traditions, bold advancements, and expanded opportunities for generations of Talladegans to come.

Today's investiture marks not only the beginning of a new presidency, but also a renewed commitment to the noble ideals upon which Talladega College was built. We are confident that under Dr. Todd's leadership, our beloved institution will continue to flourish, inspire, and transform lives.

Congratulations, Dr. Todd. The Talladega College National Alumni Association stands with you—encouraged by your leadership, inspired by your vision, and united in our dedication to the legacy and future of Talladega College.

With sincere appreciation and Talladega pride,

Kristie Brooks Purnell

President, Talladega College National Alumni Association



Marguerite Archie-Hudson, Ph.D.

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3 February 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.

President, Talladega College

627 Battle Street W.

Talladega, AL 35160

Dear Doctor Todd:

It is with a great deal of honor and pride that I congratulate you on your upcoming Investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. I regret that I am unable to attend but I, the 17th President and only woman to carry that honor, am delighted that the future of the College is secure in your capable hands.

You assume the helm of our beloved institution at a time and in an environment fraught with challenges but also rich in opportunities- not unlike those that faced William Savery and Thomas Tarrant at the historic Mobile, Alabama convention in November 1865. It was their vision, persistence, determination and resilience that began the mission for excellence that describes Talladega today. You are now the capable leader of that mission. Please know that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Archie-Hudson, Ph.D.



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Office Of The President

January 20, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr., President
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Dear Dr. Todd:

Congratulations on becoming President of Talladega College, one of Alabama's treasured institutions. I am excited by your appointment, which presents a meaningful opportunity to reflect on all that has brought you to this milestone and to consider how you will steward Talladega's enduring legacy.

I wholeheartedly believe your leadership was made for this moment in higher education. You are well prepared for the challenges facing our colleges and universities, and I trust that you will continue to move Talladega forward with clarity and courage.

Talladega is not just any HBCU; it's my HBCU! As a proud alum, I know the value that it brings as a place that opens doors, promotes service, champions scholarship, and shapes character. In addition, Talladega has been a phenomenal transfer partner for many of our Lawson State students, helping them envision what is possible for their future.

I am confident that Talladega College will continue to grow and thrive under your leadership. Best wishes as you start your next chapter here in Alabama.

Sincerely,

Cynthia T. Anthony, Ed.D.
President



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 17, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
President
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Dear Dr. Todd:

Congratulations on your appointment as the 22nd President of Talladega College. Your appointment is confirmation of your intellect, executive and academic capabilities to lead and build upon the rich history of Talladega College. As you step into this new role, may your leadership inspire and motivate your faculty and students to achieve their highest potential.

Regrettably, scheduling conflicts will prevent my attendance at your inauguration. Nonetheless, I hope this momentous occasion for the Talladega community and its constituents will be the beginning of a long and successful presidency. Your commitment to elevating Talladega College will have a profound impact on the landscape of higher education. If I can be of assistance to you at any time during your tenure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Darrell K. Williams
President



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February 5, 2026

Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr.,

It is with boundless excitement that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your historic appointment as the 22nd President of Talladega College. As Alabama's oldest jewel and a beacon of excellence in the historically Black college and university landscape, Talladega stands taller than ever with you at its helm.

It is my expectation that you will continue the marvelous legacy of leadership, scholarship, and faith that has shaped generations for more than 158 years. This legacy calls us forward, and I am confident that you are a capable leader with a bold and energizing commitment to strengthening academic innovation, elevating the Talladega brand, and deepening its impact far and wide.

As President of Gadsden State Community College, I eagerly look forward to joint ventures and collaborations. Together, I know we can achieve great things—providing meaningful opportunities, rich learning experiences, and transformative academic journeys that will shape the future of education and workforce training in our region. I also look forward to seeing you at the investiture ceremony and offering you my personal regards as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

With great admiration and warmest wishes for your success,

Alan Smith, President





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February 18, 2026

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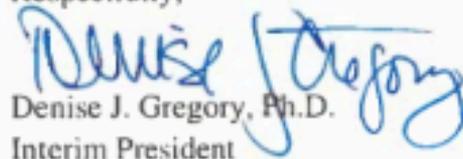
Dear Dr. Todd,

On behalf of Jackson State University, I extend my warmest congratulations on your investiture as the twenty second President and Chief Executive Officer of Talladega College. This occasion marks not only a significant milestone in your distinguished career, but also an important moment in the history of your institution.

As you formally assume this esteemed role, I extend my best wishes for a presidency marked by wisdom, purpose, and service. May your leadership advance the academic excellence, institutional vitality, and public mission of Talladega College, and may this new chapter bring continued strength and achievement to the campus community.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and impactful presidency and congratulations on this distinguished honor.

Respectfully,


Denise J. Gregory, Ph.D.
Interim President



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To the Talladega College Community:

It is a distinct honor to extend congratulations to Dr. Willie Todd on the occasion of his inauguration as President of Talladega College.

Inaugurations are more than ceremonial observances; they are institutional milestones that bring legacy and vision into alignment. They affirm history while charting a deliberate path forward. Today marks both a significant moment in Dr. Todd's leadership journey and a new chapter in the enduring story of Talladega College.

For generations, Talladega has stood as a testament to faith, scholarship, and resilience within the proud tradition of our nation's HBCUs. Under Dr. Todd's leadership, that tradition will continue to evolve and expand in meaningful ways.

As fellow stewards of institutions such as ours, we understand both the responsibility and the privilege of this charge. I acknowledge this moment and extend best wishes for a presidency defined by purpose, progress, and lasting institutional impact.

With highest regard,

Dr. Pamela Richardson Wilks, President





OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DR. MORAKINYO A.O. KUTI

January 14, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr., President

Talladega College
627 West Battle Street
Talladega, Alabama 35160

Dear President Todd,

I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your inauguration as the President of Talladega College. This is a momentous occasion, and I am truly excited to see how your leadership will guide the university to new heights of excellence and impact.

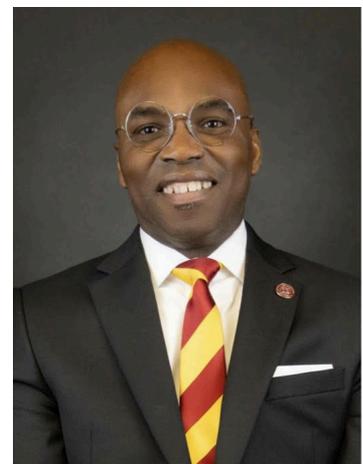
Although I am unable to attend your inauguration in person, please know that my thoughts and best wishes are with you as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your career. Your deep commitment to academic excellence, student success, and community engagement will undoubtedly inspire all those around you, and I am confident that your vision and leadership will drive Talladega College toward continued success.

As fellow leaders in higher education, I look forward to collaborating with you in the future, as we continue to advance our shared mission of providing transformative educational experiences for students and making meaningful contributions to society. Please accept my best wishes as you begin this important journey, and may your presidency be filled with great accomplishments and fulfilling moments.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition of your leadership. I look forward to hearing about the incredible achievements that will come under your stewardship.

Warmest regards,

Morakinyo A. O. Kut, Ph. D.
President



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January 28, 2026

To: Talladega College Board of Trustees, Leadership Team, Faculty, Students, and Alumni

Greetings:

I am pleased beyond measure that Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. and Talladega College have found each other. At last, Willie Todd has arrived at a place that is well-positioned to utilize and deserving to benefit from his enormous set of talents, his insatiable pursuit of excellence, and his deep love of students—their present and their “*potentia*”.

Even when I first met Professor Willie Todd as a junior professor at Clark Atlanta University, his drive was impressive and his leadership potential undeniable. As he asked for and was given increasing responsibility over the next several years, he consistently rose to the occasion, usually exceeding expectations and demonstrating increasing creativity.

Talladega has made a wise selection in its leader for the times ahead. He will not waver. He will not falter. He will lead Talladega to new and unprecedented heights. I congratulate President Willie L. Todd and the Talladega Family for arriving at this moment of Investiture and promise for a glorious future.

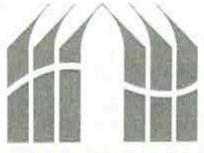
With Love and Anticipation,

Carlton E. Brown, Ed.D.
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Clark Atlanta University, Savannah State University



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Dear Dr. Todd,

On behalf of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, I am honored to extend heartfelt congratulations to you on your Investiture as the 22nd president of Talladega College, the oldest private historically Black college in the State of Alabama.

Talladega College stands as a pillar of academic excellence, resilience, and purpose. Its influence has shaped generations of scholars whose lives, families, and communities have been transformed through education. The College's proud history of producing twenty-three alumni who have gone on to serve as college presidents is a powerful testament to its enduring legacy of leadership and impact.

We look forward to your service on the Board of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Your thoughtful leadership and steadfast advocacy will strengthen our collective work to advance the interests of private colleges and universities across our state. Your perspective, grounded in the historic mission of HBCUs, will enrich our efforts to ensure long-term sustainability and opportunity for all our institutions.

Private historically Black colleges and universities in Alabama played a critical role in expanding access to education, cultivating principled leadership, and creating pathways to success for countless students. Their impact extends far beyond campus boundaries—uplifting communities, strengthening the workforce, and shaping civic and professional leadership across the state and nation.

We are confident that under your leadership, Talladega College will continue to thrive while honoring its remarkable past and advancing its promise for future generations. The Association looks forward to continuing our partnership and supporting you and Talladega College in the important work ahead. May this new chapter be marked by vision, strength, and continued excellence.

Respectfully,

Paul M. Hankins
President, AAICU



CITY OF TALLADEGA 255 South St. W. - Talladega, AL 35160

Danny Warwick

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Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.,

On behalf of the City of Talladega, and as a long-time native of this great city, it is with profound honor and great distinction that I extend sincere congratulations to Dr. Willie Todd, Jr. upon the occasion of his Investiture as President of Talladega College.

This historic and distinguished ceremony marks not only a personal milestone in your exemplary career, but also a significant moment in the continued advancement of one of our nation's most treasured institutions of higher learning. Talladega College has long stood as a beacon of educational excellence, cultural enrichment, and transformative opportunity, and under your visionary leadership, its legacy is certain to flourish even more profoundly.

As someone who has witnessed firsthand the enduring relationship between Talladega College and the community it serves, I recognize the profound impact the institution has had on the growth, culture, and educational advancement of our city. Your steadfast dedication to scholarship, student achievement, institutional growth, and community partnership reflects the highest ideals of servant leadership. Through your guidance, Talladega College continues to inspire generations of scholars and leaders while strengthening its historic role within the City of Talladega and beyond.

The City of Talladega takes great pride in celebrating this distinguished occasion and recognizes the meaningful contributions you have already made to the college, the community, and the broader academic landscape. Your leadership embodies integrity, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

As you are formally invested in this esteemed office, we commend your accomplishments, celebrate your vision, and extend our very best wishes for continued success, prosperity, and enduring impact.

With highest regards and sincere admiration,

Danny Warwick
Danny Warwick, City Manager





Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.

On behalf of the City of Anniston, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your investiture as President of Talladega College. This is a significant milestone, and it reflects your dedication and commitment to higher education and to the students and communities you serve.

Talladega College has long been a vital institution in our region, shaping generations of leaders and scholars. Under your leadership, I am confident the college will continue to thrive and make a profound impact on its students, alumni, and the wider community.

Please accept my best wishes for success and fulfillment in your tenure as president. I look forward to seeing the continued growth and achievements of Talladega College under your guidance.

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Ciara Smith-Roston

Mayor, City of Anniston



Suzanne Lacey, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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January 14, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr., President
Talladega College
627 W. Battle Street
Talladega, AL 35160



Dear Dr. Todd:

It is with great pride and sincere admiration that I extend warm congratulations to you on the occasion of your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This milestone marks not only the beginning of your presidency, but also a moment of renewed promise, progress, and purpose for the Talladega community. To be entrusted with the leadership of such a historic institution, one that has shaped generations of scholars and leaders, speaks volumes about your experience, vision, and commitment to educational excellence.

Talladega College's rich legacy and enduring mission continue to play a vital role in expanding access to higher education and fostering opportunity. As you assume this role, you do so at a pivotal time when collaboration, innovation, and student-centered leadership are more important than ever. I am confident that your presidency will build upon Talladega College's strong foundation while advancing its impact well into the future.

I am particularly excited about the current partnership between Talladega County Schools and Talladega College, including dual enrollment opportunities and the cybersecurity program. These initiatives are already creating meaningful pathways for students, allowing them to gain college-level experience and industry-relevant skills while still in high school. The benefits to our students as well as to the workforce of our region are significant and far-reaching.

I look forward to continuing and expanding our collaboration under your leadership as we explore future projects and initiatives that will further support and benefit the students of Talladega County. Please accept my best wishes for great success as you begin this new chapter.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Suzanne Lacey'.

Suzanne Lacey, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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January 21, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
President, Talladega College
Talladega College
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Talladega, AL 35160



On behalf of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your investiture as the 22nd president of Talladega College. This milestone is a remarkable achievement, and it is an exciting to anticipate the bright future that lies ahead for both you and Talladega College.

Your presidency begins at a time of great promise for Talladega College. The College's commitment to innovation, impact, and collaboration aligns well with your record of collaborative leadership, enrollment growth, strengthened academic programs, and dedication to student success. Under your leadership, Talladega College is well positioned to build on its long-standing legacy of leadership development and community engagement while advancing a forward-looking vision for its students and for the state of Alabama.

ACHE is proud to advance Talladega College's continued growth and development. In most recent years, ACHE has allocated more than \$1.2 million for capital improvement projects and provided \$122,000 to Talladega College students through select state-supported financial aid programs. These investments reflect ACHE's ongoing commitment to expanding access to higher education, enhancing institutional capacity, and recognizing Talladega College's vital role in preparing Alabama's future workforce.

Once again, congratulations, Dr. Todd, on your well-deserved appointment. ACHE looks forward to the continued success of Talladega College under your visionary leadership and remains a steadfast partner as you and your team pursue new opportunities and achievements.

With warmest regards,

Dr. Jim Purcell, Ed.D.
Executive Director



Jimmy McMikle, MBA
Grand Polemarch

The Grand Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP SINCE 1911



Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
President
Talladega College
627 W. Battle St
Talladega, AL 35160

February 20, 2026

Re: Pastoral Installation

Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.,

I bring you formal greetings on behalf of the Grand Board of Directors of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and the 250,000 Kappa Men who share our bond in more than 700 chapters in the continental United States and in 13 overseas territories. I want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to you on your Investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College.

As Grand Polemarch, I can attest to the standard of excellence that you have set as a servant leader within Kappa Alpha Psi. You truly represent our organization's fundamental purpose of *Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor*. Through your commitment to the advancement of our undergraduate demographic, your standard of advisory excellence, and your dedication to the Membership Training Academy, your work has shaped generations of brothers and strengthened the foundation of our Bond.

Today marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in your career and in the life of your institution. As you assume the presidency of Talladega College, I charge you to bring an unmatched level of principled leadership to your storied HBCU. May your tenure be marked by innovation, operational excellence, and continued success, to benefit the future generations of students that will pass through Talladega's hallowed halls.

Congratulations again, my brother. The men of Kappa Alpha Psi stand with you. I have every confidence in your ability to be chronicled as a transformative leader in the history books Talladega College. I am excited to watch how God uses you in this new season of your life.

Yours in the Bond,

Jimmy McMikle
Grand Polemarch
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



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Greetings and Salutations,

On behalf of the Southern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Talladega College as it celebrates the historic investiture of Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr., the 22nd President of this esteemed institution, and welcome Brother Dr. Todd to the Great Southern Province.

The installation of President Todd marks a moment of profound significance not only for Talladega College, but for the broader academic and civic communities that will be strengthened by his leadership. As a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, President Todd has long exemplified the noble ideals upon which our fraternity stands. His unwavering commitment to achievement, his distinguished record of leadership, and his lifelong dedication to service reflect the very essence of Kappa men who strive to leave every space better than they found it.

President Todd's professional journey and personal character stand as a testament to the transformative power of vision, discipline, and purpose. His investiture signals a new era of innovation, academic excellence, and student-centered advancement for Talladega College. The Southern Province celebrates this milestone with extraordinary pride, knowing that one of our own continues to elevate the standard of leadership in higher education.

On behalf of the brothers of the Southern Province that include all members in Alabama, Florida, The Bahamas, The Dominican Republic, The U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Republic of Panama, we salute President Todd for his extraordinary accomplishments and extend best wishes for continued success as he leads Talladega College into its next chapter of growth and distinction.

May his tenure be marked by bold achievements, strengthened traditions, and enduring service to the students, faculty, alumni, and community he now shepherds.


Jason M. Jones, Esq.

January 26, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd
Talladega University
Office of the President
627 West Battle Street
Talladega, AL 35160



Dear Dr. Todd,

Greetings to you on this occasion of your appointment as the 22nd President of Talladega College! It was a pleasure to visit the college and get to know you and your staff, and to hear about your vision for the students that will attend the college. Yours is a compelling vision for educating and developing leaders for the twenty-first century.

"May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." (Psalm 20:4)

At this critical moment in our country, it is encouraging that you have been selected to lead this institution which has such a powerful legacy. Your passion and leadership of this Historically Black College and University will no doubt amplify the impact of the college on its students, faculty, and community. I pray that the seeds of your planning take root through your initiative to support a bold and transformative vision to *Reimagine Liberal Arts* for a new era.

I look forward to being present to celebrate your Investiture with the Talladega College community and to participate in the accompanying events planned. While we will be there to celebrate this new beginning for the college under your leadership, we will also be celebrating the rich cultural legacy of Talladega College with you, highlighting its historic mission of academic excellence, leadership, and service. And as we do so, we will celebrate and strengthen the relationships between the United Church of Christ and Talladega College.

I am pleased to participate in your investiture service and pray the Spirit stir you and inspire vision for the path ahead. May this moment mark the beautiful beginning of an impactful journey.

Peace and blessings,

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Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson
General Minister and President/CEO





**Congratulatory Message on the Investiture of
Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
22nd President of Talladega College**

On behalf of the Presbyterian Home for Children, and as President, it is an honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. on his investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This moment is not only a milestone in the life of the College, but a historic affirmation of leadership, legacy, and promise for generations to come.

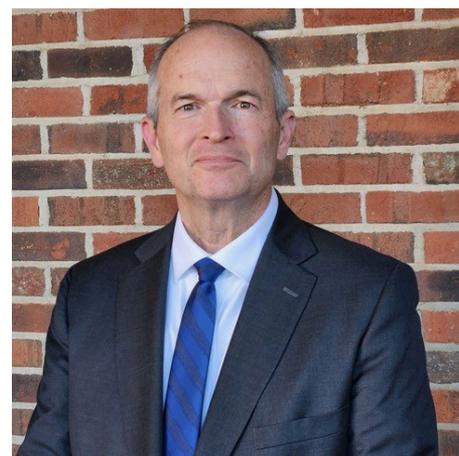
As Alabama's oldest private Historically Black College, Talladega College stands as a testament to faith, perseverance, and the transformative power of education. For nearly two centuries, the College has shaped leaders, thinkers, and servants who have changed communities far beyond its campus. Dr. Todd now assumes stewardship of this remarkable institution at a time when courageous vision and principled leadership are especially needed. His scholarship, commitment to students, and deep respect for Talladega's mission position him well to guide the College into its next chapter.

The Presbyterian Home for Children is deeply honored to share in this moment. The Home was founded only one year after Talladega College in 1868 and has walked alongside the college ever since providing service, care, and hope to this community we both love. Our histories are intertwined by a shared belief in dignity, opportunity, and the obligation to invest in young people so they may thrive. We recognize in Talladega College a kindred commitment to nurturing potential and preparing lives of purpose.

Dr. Todd, as you are formally installed as president, we celebrate not only your achievement, but the future you will help shape. We look forward to the continued impact of Talladega College under your leadership and to strengthening the bonds that unite our institutions and this community we are proud to serve.

With great respect and congratulations,

Doug Marshall
President, Presbyterian Home for Children





**The Board of Trustees
Talladega College
627 West Battle Street
Talladega, Alabama 35160**

January 20, 2026

Esteemed Members of the Board,

On the occasion of the Investiture of Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. as the 22nd President of Talladega College, we extend our warmest congratulations and highest commendation to both President Todd and the entire Talladega College community.

Founded with a sacred mission and distinguished as Alabama's oldest private Historic Black College, Talladega College has long stood as a beacon of intellectual rigor, moral purpose, and transformative leadership. The investiture of President Todd marks a moment of profound significance—one that honors the College's enduring legacy while boldly affirming its future.

As Talladega College forges onward into a new era of visionary leadership, academic excellence, and deepened commitment to community collaboration and service, this occasion serves as a powerful reminder of the institution's unwavering dedication to educating leaders, advancing equity, and uplifting society. President Todd's leadership symbolizes both continuity and promise, rooted in the College's storied past and inspired by its boundless potential.

May this historic milestone usher in a season of renewed strength, innovation, and impact for Talladega College. We celebrate this moment with pride and confidence, having been honored to serve as a vendor/partner to Talladega College for the past five years, and trusting that the College will continue to thrive as a cornerstone of scholarship, service, and leadership for generations to come.

With highest esteem and congratulations,

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Congratulations, Dr. Willie Todd, on your investiture as President of Talladega College. This moment marks not only a significant milestone in your distinguished career, but also an exciting new chapter for the Talladega College community.

I am deeply fond of you and greatly admire the vision, integrity, and purpose-driven leadership you bring to this historic institution. Your commitment to academic excellence, student success, and the enduring mission of Talladega College is both inspiring and reassuring. It is clear that your leadership is grounded in respect for the College's legacy while boldly embracing its future.

Beyond the campus, your presence is felt throughout the Talladega community. You are visible, engaged, and approachable—leading not only from behind a desk, but alongside students, faculty, alumni, and residents. This direct connection strengthens the bond between the College and the city it calls home, reinforcing Talladega College's role as both an academic and cultural cornerstone of the community. Your leadership reflects an understanding that the success of the College and the vitality of Talladega are deeply interconnected.

Talladega College is fortunate to be guided by a president of your caliber—one who leads with clarity, compassion, and an unwavering belief in what this institution and its students can achieve. I look forward with great optimism to the progress and impact that will undoubtedly define your presidency. With warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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J. Chad Jones
President & CEO
First Bank of Alabama



January 26, 2026

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
President, Talladega College
627 West Battle Street
Talladega, AL 35160

Dear President Todd,

On behalf of the Albany State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated, and your global community of Rams, it is a profound honor to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your formal investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College.

An investiture is a momentous milestone, not only in the life of an academic institution but in the career of a distinguished leader. Seeing one of our own alumni ascend to the presidency of such a prestigious college is a point of immense pride for our entire Ram family. Your journey from our campus to this pinnacle of academic leadership serves as a powerful inspiration to current students and fellow graduates alike.

We have watched your career with great admiration, noting your unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation in higher education, and your dedication to student success. We are confident that under your visionary stewardship, Talladega College will reach new heights of academic distinction and community impact.

As you embark on this chapter, please know that your alma mater stands behind you. You carry the values of Albany State University into your new role, and we are honored to count you among our most esteemed representatives in the world of academia.

Again, congratulations, and we look forward to celebrating your continued success. May your years in office be defined by wisdom, courage, and a steadfast commitment to the pursuit of knowledge.

In Golden Ram Spirit,

Sharmagne D. Goff

Sharmagne D. Goff
President, Albany State University National Alumni Association



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Magic City (AL) Chapter

February 1, 2026

Dear Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.,

On behalf of the Magic City (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This historic milestone is a momentous occasion not only for you, but also for the institution and the many communities it proudly serves.

As you assume this pivotal role, your leadership stands poised to inspire innovation, elevate academic excellence, and strengthen the bonds between Talladega College, its students, its partners, and the broader community. Your unwavering commitment to education, student advocacy, and donor engagement reflects a vision rooted in progress, empowerment, and long-term institutional vitality. These qualities will undoubtedly guide Talladega College toward a future marked by growth, opportunity, and distinction.

The challenges facing higher education, and HBCUs in particular, demand leaders of courage, clarity, and conviction. Your strategic insight and steadfast dedication position you to shape the college's trajectory in transformative ways, expanding students' pathways and contributing meaningfully to the continued advancement of our beloved institution.

As President of the Magic City (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, an official partner of Talladega College, I extend our warmest wishes for your success in this new chapter of leadership. We look forward to continued collaboration as we, together, uplift and empower the next generation of scholars, innovators, and leaders.

We congratulate you!

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Autumm Jeter, Ed.D.
President/Talladega College Class of 2001
Magic City (AL) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated





February 17, 2026

President Willie Todd
Talladega College
927 Battle St W
Talladega, IL 35160



Dear President Willie Todd,

Congratulations on your Investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. The level of commitment and the impact of your actions have already demonstrated by your leadership in elevating Talladega College to a new level of excellence in higher education. Under your leadership the engagement and delivery on bringing some of the most in-demand skills for your students to make them competitive in today's global marketplace is a clear model showcasing Talladega College students will compete and win on the global stage.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Valinda

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January 14, 2026

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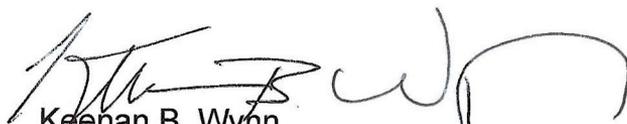
Dear Dr. Todd:

With great pride and sincere admiration, I extend heartfelt congratulations on your Investiture as the 22nd President of Talladega College. This historic moment honors not only your distinguished leadership, but also the enduring legacy of Alabama's oldest Historically Black College. Talladega College has long stood as a powerful pillar in the community where I was raised. Its presence has shaped generations, including my own journey from pre-kindergarten to adulthood. Through its formidable academic programs and nationally recognized youth sports initiatives, the College has consistently opened doors, nurtured talent, and strengthened the cultural and educational fabric of Talladega.

The College's contributions extend far beyond its campus. They are woven into the identity, pride, and progress of our community, the region and the entire nation. For all that Talladega College has given, we express our deepest gratitude.

As we celebrate this new chapter under your leadership, we look forward with optimism and anticipation. May Talladega College continue to thrive, inspire, and uplift for at least another 159 years and beyond. Thank you and congratulations on this momentous occasion.

Warm regards,



Keenan B. Wynn
President, Talladega Rotary Club



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Voices

I SHALL NOT BE MOVED

OPENING: THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

"Good evening, and welcome to this historic moment. Today, as we witness the investiture of our new leader, we stand at the threshold of an extraordinary journey. We begin with the soul-stirring Anita Baker. It has 'Been So Long' since we anticipated this fresh start, and now, we welcome it with open hearts."

VISION AND DEDICATION

"Leadership is not just a role; it is a commitment to the 'heart and soul' of this ideal. As our new President takes the helm, we celebrate the 'Sweet Love' they bring for the mission of higher education. We know that the path ahead will require grace; when the road gets steep, we stand ready to listen and learn, even in those humble moments when we might need to say, 'I Apologize.'"

BUILDING UNITY (TELL HIM & HALL & OATES)

"To move forward, we must communicate our shared goals. We listen to 'Tell Him' as a reminder of the dialogue needed between a leader and their community. And while we may feel the weight of what has passed—the feeling that a former chapter is gone ('She's Gone') — we look toward the future with a spirit that, like 'Sara Smiles,' brings hope to every student's face."

THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE (BETTER DAYS & REMEMBER ME)

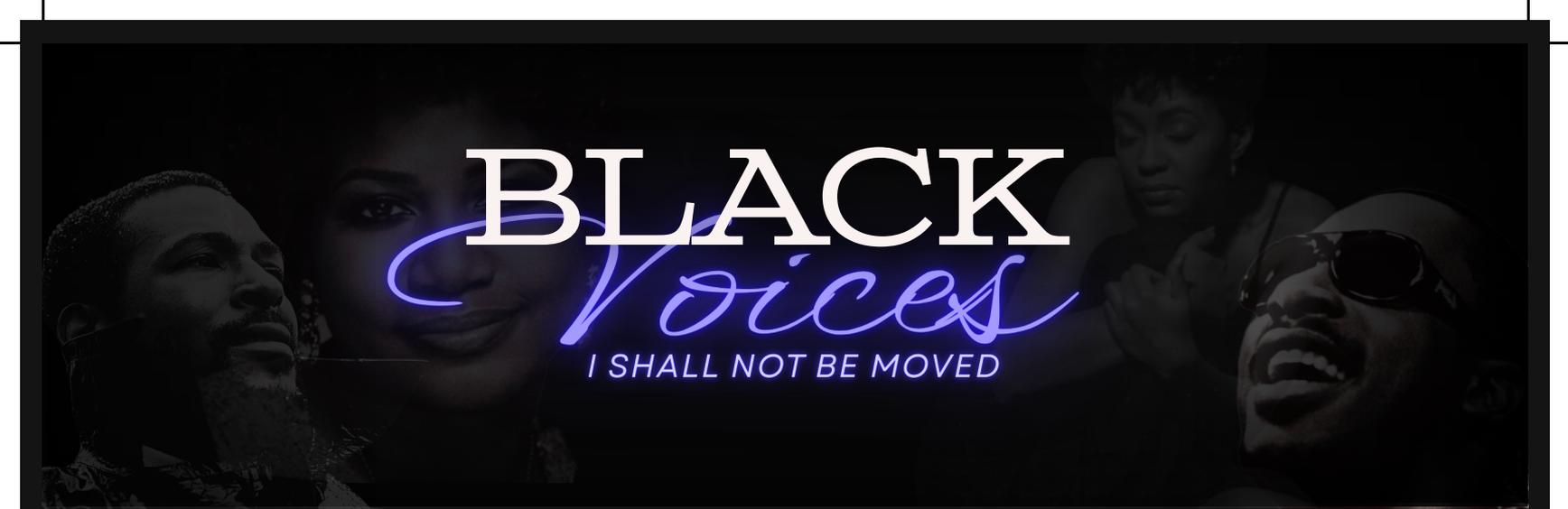
"As this installation marks a 'new era of leadership', we look ahead to the 'Better Days' we will build together. Our President's vision is a promise: that decades from now, we will look back and say, 'Remember Me' as the leader who truly saw the potential in every one of us."

STEADFAST LEADERSHIP (I'M HERE & I SHALL NOT BE MOVED)

"A President must be a 'brand champion' and a rock for the institution. Through every challenge, our leader's message is clear: 'I'm Here.' Rooted in faith and commitment, we declare together: 'I Shall Not Be Moved' from our mission of excellence."

THE HEART OF THE CAMPUS (LUTHER VANDROSS & MARIAH CAREY)

"A college is more than its buildings; it is a community. As Luther Vandross reminds us, 'A House is Not a Home' without the people who give it life. To our new President, we say: 'We Belong Together' in this pursuit of knowledge, finding what is 'So Amazing' in the diversity of our campus."



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"THE JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY (ALFIE & NANCY WILSON)

"In the quiet of the President's office, the big questions remain: 'What's it all about?' We reflect on that search for meaning with 'Alfie.' Even when the world feels like 'Three's A Crowd' and choices are difficult, our leader moves with the poise of Nancy Wilson, knowing that you 'Can't Make' everyone agree, but you can lead everyone with integrity."

NURTURING POTENTIAL (WILD FLOWER & PATTI LABELLE)

"Our President sees the 'dazzling splendor' in every student. For every 'Wild Flower' in our classrooms, this administration is dedicated to ensuring 'There's a Winner in You.'"

THE REFLECTION (PHYLLIS HYMAN)

"There will be nights of late-hour planning, perhaps even 'Living in Confusion' over the complexities of 2026. But in those times of 'Living All Alone' with the weight of the office, know that you are surrounded by 'Old Friends'—this community that supports you."

SERVICE AND FAITH (REV. MILTON BRUNSON & RACHELLE FERRELL)

"Ultimately, this is a ministry of service. Our President remains 'Available To You'—to the students, the faculty, and the future. When words fail to describe the depth of this commitment, we say, 'I Can Explain' through the power of our collective work."

RESILIENCE AND TRIUMPH (TONI BRAXTON)

"The first 'Seven Whole Days' are just the beginning. Even when the work takes our 'Breathe Again' away, we remember that no obstacle 'Wasn't Man Enough' to stop a community united by a single vision."

THE GRAND FINALE: THE GREATEST LEGACY (WHITNEY HOUSTON & YOLANDA ADAMS)

"We conclude this tribute with the songs that define a legacy. To our new President: your mission is to teach our students the 'Greatest Love of All'—the love of learning and self-belief. We promise that as you lead us, 'I Will Always Love You' and this institution. As you 'Open My Heart' to new possibilities, we stand to welcome you."

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"We 'Lay It Down' tonight for a new legend in the making. Please join me in a final celebration for our newly installed President!"

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Avis LaShawn

Avis LaShawn is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. She was brought up in the church where her love for music and theater began to flourish. She began singing at the age of 8 and she has been slaying the stage ever since. She has dedicated her time to sharpening her craft through countless stage productions and talent shows. Her most recent work includes the biopic role of Jamesetta Hawkins, famously known as Etta James in *At Last: Etta James Tribute*. Notably, Avis portrayed Vivian Witherspoon aka the Evil Stepmother in Stepp Stewart's "Cindy- A Different Kind of Cinderella Story" opposite of 3-time Tony Award Winner, Hinton Battle and Comedian, Michael Colyar. She was also crowned the 2014 National Bar Association "The One" Talent Showcase Winner, securing a monetary prize and demo deal to be distributed on iTunes.

She has shared the stage with greats such as Gospel Legends Dottie Peoples and Earnest Pugh, R&B Recording Artists Lil G from Silk, Terrell Carter, & Shirley Murdock. A star in her own right, Avis LaShawn doesn't fit the mold of an "R & B Artist" or a "Gospel Artist" or an "Actress". Her gift is all encompassing, reaching all walks of life through music and theater. She will not be categorized. She is a humble servant to the masses, seeking to heal, encourage, love and entertain. Her charismatic and vibrant on-stage presence exudes vigor and candor. Her willingness and determination to share her God-given talent only solidifies her future success in the entertainment industry.



Deirdre Gaddis

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Deirdre Gaddis is an independent recording artist whose music has resonated with audiences around the world. Her debut project, *Life in the Key of Dei*, was released in March 2011 and received rave reviews in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, and beyond. In July 2011, she premiered the video for "This Funky Ride of Life," a powerful testament to self-empowerment and building self-esteem.

In April 2020, Deirdre released her second album, *Keep Pushin'*, featuring the uplifting and positivity-filled title track, "Keep Pushin'." She has also performed as a member of The Birmingham Trio during the BET Selma 50th Year Commemoration at the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge. A proud summa cum laude graduate of Miles College, Deirdre toured with The Miles College Golden Voices from 2012 to 2015 under the direction of Dr. Bernard Williams and Mrs. Patsy Howze. During her time there, she was frequently recognized as "The Voice of Miles College."

In 2019, she became the first recipient of the City of Birmingham's StrongHer Award for her advocacy and support of women with alopecia. Deirdre is also a devoted mother to her son, Julian, who shares his gifts of singing and percussion alongside her at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Zion City, where she faithfully serves as Minister of Music.

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*Bruce W.
Henderson, Jr.*

Mr. Bruce W. Henderson, Jr., Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Talladega College, is a visionary leader in choral artistry, worship studies, and collegiate music education. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Worship Studies at Liberty University and previously served as Choral Director at Lawson State Community College, where he led ensembles to prestigious stages, including Carnegie Hall and the Alabama ACDA Collegiate Choral Festival.

With a career spanning Birmingham City Schools and higher education, Mr. Henderson specializes in music theory, vocal pedagogy, and culturally responsive performance. Beyond the classroom, he is the founder of Pastor Bruce Jr. & the Warriors of Worship and oversees RBJWOW Music and KINGB Records.

A sought-after clinician and arranger, Mr. Henderson is dedicated to bridging scholarship and ministry while empowering the next generation of artists and worship leaders for the global stage.



*Jan Hendricks
Fuller*

Jan Hendricks Fuller, mezzo-soprano, singer, and performer, is a dynamic and versatile vocal artist whose sound spans gospel, jazz, opera, traditional pop, R&B, and soul. A proud graduate of A.H. Parker High School in Birmingham, Alabama, and Talladega College, she has cultivated a lifelong passion for music and performance. As a longtime member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Jan brings both depth and authenticity to every stage she graces.

She has competed in vocal competitions throughout the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore areas, earning recognition for her expressive delivery and vocal strength. Jan was also a featured vocalist on a Washington, D.C. cruise ship and toured extensively as a soloist with several concert choirs.

After years of performing along the East Coast, she returned to Alabama, where she remains one of Birmingham's most accomplished and beloved song stylists. She has been featured at Café De Paris, The Donnelly House, The Harambe Room, and as a guest soloist at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Today, Jan continues to inspire audiences as a featured singer and worship leader throughout the Birmingham area. Her warm, passionate interpretations and thoughtfully curated repertoire affirm her reputation as an artist of depth, versatility, and soul.

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*Tamalyn L.
Peterson*

Dr. Tamalyn L. Peterson is a seasoned higher education professional with more than 24 years of experience in academics and leadership. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she is deeply committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and administration. Dr. Peterson currently serves as Dean of the School of Humanities and Fine Arts at Talladega College and as Interim Director of Graduate Studies.

In these leadership roles, she works collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students to advance academic innovation, enhance the student experience, and strengthen the College's legacy of excellence in the Humanities and graduate education. Her work includes spearheading academic initiatives, facilitating professional development and training, and supporting research and scholarly engagement.

Dr. Peterson earned her Ph.D. in English from Georgia State University. A proud two-time HBCU alumna, she received her master's degree in English from Clark Atlanta University, where she also served in teaching and leadership capacities, and her bachelor's degree from Stillman College, graduating summa cum laude with a double major in English and Mass Communications.

Outside of her professional commitments, Dr. Peterson enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading, mentoring, baking, hosting gatherings, and planning events.

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THE INVESTITURE OF
DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.
FEBRUARY 19-21, 2026

MEET THE MASTER OF CEREMONY



ART FRANKLIN

MULTIPLE EMMY AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST

Art Franklin is a multiple Emmy Award-winning journalist with a distinguished broadcast career spanning more than 38 years. He has earned over 100 community and journalism honors, including two Emmy Awards, a 2021 Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Innovation, and induction into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the television industry.

A former anchor for CBS 42 in Birmingham, Franklin made history as the city's first African American male primetime news anchor. Throughout his career, he has reported on major national and international events, including the Persian Gulf War, the September 11 terrorist attacks, the 1996 Olympic bombing in Atlanta, and multiple U.S. presidencies. His work has taken him across the globe, with reporting assignments throughout Europe, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

Franklin's career also includes leadership roles in major media markets such as Atlanta, where he served as an anchor and reporter, and entrepreneurial work as founder of a public relations firm specializing in media relations, crisis management, and content creation. In addition to journalism, he has served as a radio announcer, television producer, talk show host, and guest instructor at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

Beyond broadcasting, Franklin is the CEO of Franklin Consulting Group, an author of *Give It All You Got*, and a community leader dedicated to service and mentorship. He serves on several boards and is President of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Birmingham. A native of Detroit and graduate of the University of Michigan, he and his wife, Michele, are proud parents of four adult children.

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FEBRUARY 22, 2026

6:00 P.M.
RECEPTION

7:00 P.M.
WELCOME
DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.
PRESIDENT & CEO

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RICA LEWIS-PAYTON, '81
TALLADEGA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

INVOCATION & BLESSING OF THE FOOD
DR. XAVIER WHITAKER
VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

DINNER SERVED

ENTERTAINMENT
SHERRI BROWN

8:00 P.M.
RECOGNITION OF DONORS
TIA WRIGHT-RICHARDS
VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
QUINSHETA POWELL
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

8:05 P.M.
REMARKS FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

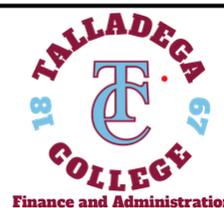
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CLOSING REMARKS
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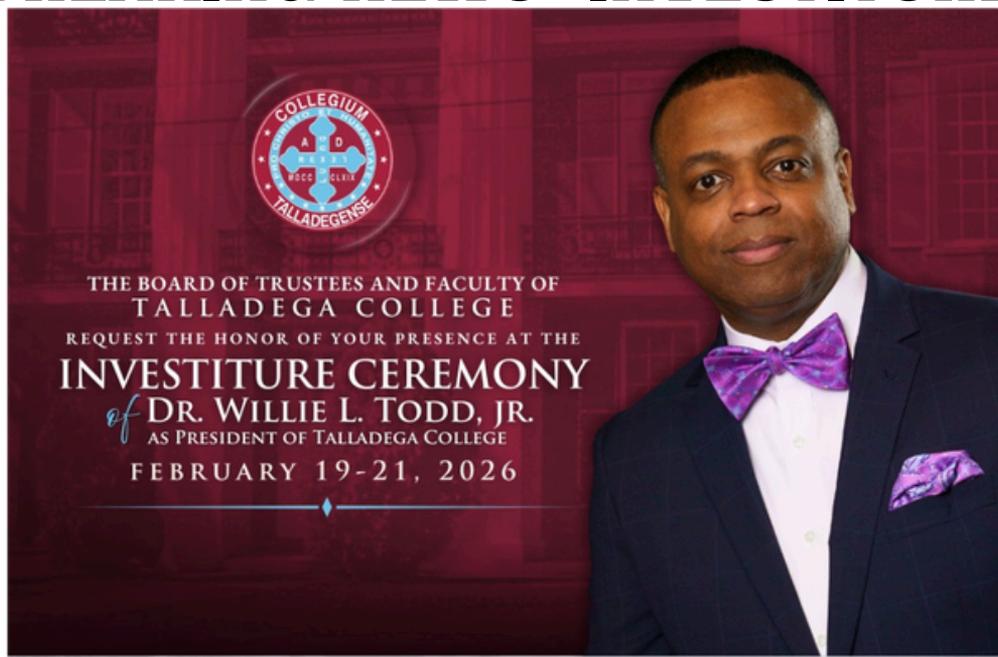
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GALA CONCLUDES

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February 2026



BREAKING NEWS: INVESTITURE



Pictured Above: The 22nd President of Talladega College



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT! CONGRATULATIONS DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.!!

The Department of Finance and Administration proudly congratulates the 22nd President of Talladega College on a historic and inspiring upcoming Investiture ceremony. This distinguished event celebrates the College's rich legacy while ushering in a bold new era of visionary leadership and transformative growth. The ceremony reflects unity, tradition, and institutional pride, made possible through the collaborative efforts of many dedicated individuals. We remain honored to support the mission of Talladega College and are committed to financial integrity, operational excellence, and sustainable progress in this exciting new chapter. With pride and appreciation, The Department of Finance and Administration Talladega College

Akua Matherson, Lakesha Swain, Roy Saulsberry, Angela Reynolds, Shelia Borden, Derek Hickman, Norda Threatt, Chase Bowerman, Jennifer Curl, Erika Banks, Xondravius McElhaney, Stanley Chatman, Kimberly Dickerson, Belinda Keith, Jerry Hanes, Leta Pruitt, TeeJay Wilson, Patricia Jones, Karen Helton

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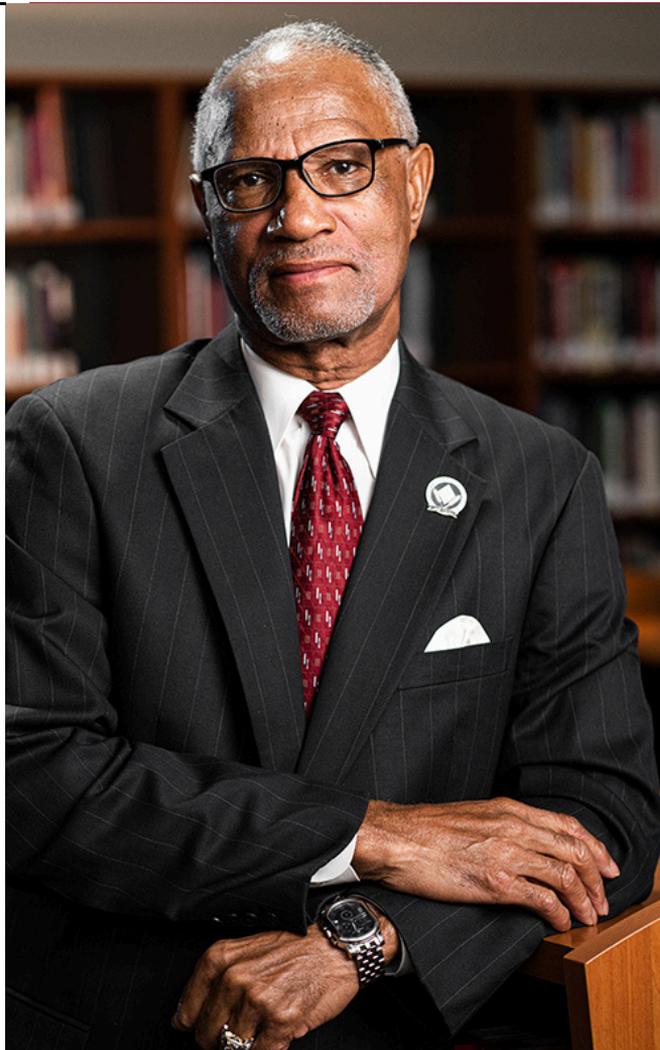
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Brother Willie L. Todd Jr., Ph. D.



The 22nd President of Talladega College
"Achievement"





Resolution Honoring Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr. Presented by James W. Bowden Sr.

On behalf of the Denmark Technical College Area
Commission and the National Alumni Association



Whereas, Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. served as the tenth president of Denmark Technical College, leading the institution through a period of remarkable renewal, progress and pride; and

Whereas, through his visionary leadership, Dr. Todd strengthened academic programs, expanded partnerships, improved facilities and reignited the spirit of excellence that has long defined Denmark Technical College; and

Whereas, Dr. Todd's unwavering belief in the power of education to transform lives inspired faculty, staff, students and alumni to work together toward a shared purpose of engagement, education and empowerment; and

Whereas, he led with both head and heart, demonstrating compassion, creativity and an enduring commitment to service that uplifted the Denmark Tech community and elevated its visibility across the state and nation; and

Whereas, his leadership set a lasting example of courage, integrity and faith in what is possible when a leader truly believes in the mission of an HBCU and the potential of its students; and

Whereas, Denmark Technical College will forever be strengthened by his vision, accomplishments and the legacy of excellence he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Denmark Technical College Area Commission and the National Alumni Association extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. upon his investiture as president of Talladega College; and

Be it further resolved, that we express our profound gratitude for his service, leadership and love for Denmark Technical College, and that we wish him continued success as he brings the same dedication and transformative spirit to his new role at Talladega College; and

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Todd as a permanent record of our respect, appreciation and affection.

Presented this 20th day of February, 2026,

by James W. Bowden Sr.
Area Commissioner, Denmark Technical College
President, National Alumni Association



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DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.**

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Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr.

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22ND PRESIDENT OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE

FROM THE OFFICE OF
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TALLADEGA COLLEGE
ATLANTA ALUMNI CHAPTER

extends a heartfelt congratulations to

Dr. Willie Todd Jr.

on his investiture as the

22ND PRESIDENT OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE

This moment signals a renewed commitment to academic excellence, student success and institutional growth. As alumni, we proudly support leadership that honors our history, while boldly shaping the future. With pride and purpose, we look forward to the next chapter of excellence.

“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats it’s children.”

Nelson Mandela

Dear President Willie L. Todd, Jr.,

Thank you for making Talladega College Scholars your #1 priority as we Forge Onward.

May you lead with strength and humility knowing that you work unto God and not unto man.

Congratulations on This Momentous Occasion.

From Our Dega Legacy Family:

Marsetta Lee, Esq. ‘84

Denise Bell Hudson ‘89

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DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.

ON YOUR INVESTITURE AS THE
22ND PRESIDENT OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE

THE TWENTY PEARLS COLLECTIVE LOOKS FORWARD TO A BOLD FUTURE UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP, CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT.



TALLADEGA COLLEGE
National Alumni Association

Congratulations!

DR. WILLIE L. TODD, JR.
22ND PRESIDENT & CEO OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE
FROM TCNAA | LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

**Congratulations
Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.**

22ND PRESIDENT, TALLADEGA COLLEGE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING
YOUR VISION TO MOVE FORWARD THE
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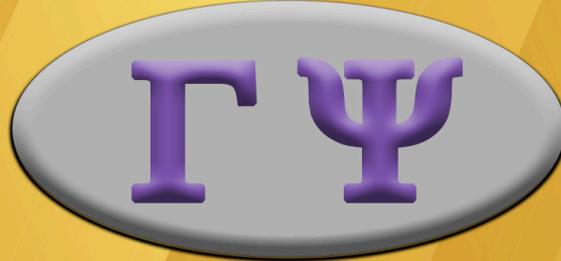
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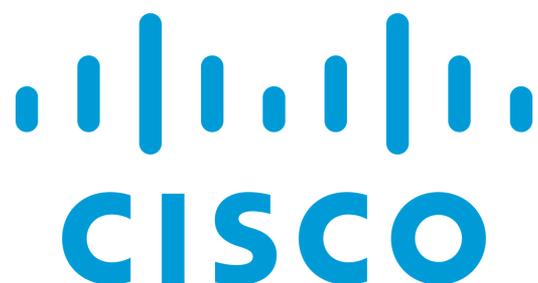
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Congratulations
to

Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.



**Cisco Systems, Inc. Proudly Congratulates
Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
On his Investiture as the 22nd President and CEO
of Talladega College**





**Unmasking Excellence: The Dawn of a New Era
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At Cisco, we believe that education is the bridge to a world of possibilities. Today, we join the Talladega College family in celebrating a leader whose vision perfectly aligns with the college's historic mission to equip graduates for the global community through excellence and integrity.

Our journey with Dr. Todd began at Denmark Technical College, and we are honored to continue this vital partnership at Talladega College. Together, we are not just witnessing a new era, we are building it.

A Partnership Rooted in Progress Through our shared commitment to innovation and student success, Cisco is proud to have supported the Talladega community through:

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From the first one-room schoolhouse in 1865 to the "center of academic excellence" it is today, Talladega College has always been a beacon of hope and virtue. Cisco is dedicated to ensuring that the next chapter of this history is defined by connectivity, security, and unparalleled opportunity.

Congratulations, Dr. Todd. We look forward to many more years of "Unmasking Excellence" together.

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----- Congratulations -----

On behalf of Student Freedom Initiative, the organization's president and CEO, Keith B. Shoates, our Founder and Board Chairman, Robert F. Smith, our Board of Directors, officers, and team members, we are proud to honor Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. on his investiture as the 22nd President and CEO of Talladega College.

As Talladega College enters this new chapter under Dr. Todd's leadership, Student Freedom Initiative looks forward to deepening its relationship with the institution to further expand access, affordability, and post-graduate success for Talladega students. Together with Dr. Todd, Student Freedom Initiative is eager to explore innovative models that connect students to internships, employers, and long-term career pathways, ensuring that a Talladega education not only transforms lives on campus but continues to pay dividends long after graduation.

Student Freedom Initiative has been honored to previously partner with Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr. at Denmark Technical College in South Carolina on transformational initiatives that uplift HBCUs and their students — including efforts in cybersecurity, broadband expansion, and other strategic advancements that continue to propel these institutions forward. Dignity is not something bestowed, but something carried, and Dr. Todd has embodied it consistently at every step throughout his career. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with him as he guides Talladega College into the future.

To learn more about Student Freedom Initiative, please visit us at studentfreedominitiative.org or scan the QR Code below.





Congratulations
Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
from the Talladega College Executive Cabinet



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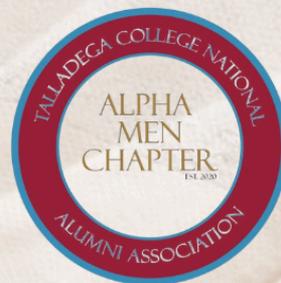
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**4th Annual Tornado Tee-Off
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May 1, 2026
Cider Ridge Golf Course
Oxford, Alabama**



With Respect & Pride,



Dear Dr. Todd,

Congratulations on your appointment as the 22nd President of Talladega College! The Detroit Talladega College Club proudly celebrates this historic milestone in the life of our alma mater. We look forward to supporting your presidency and working together to uplift our beloved institution.

With 'Dega Pride,

Officers of the Detroit Talladega College Club

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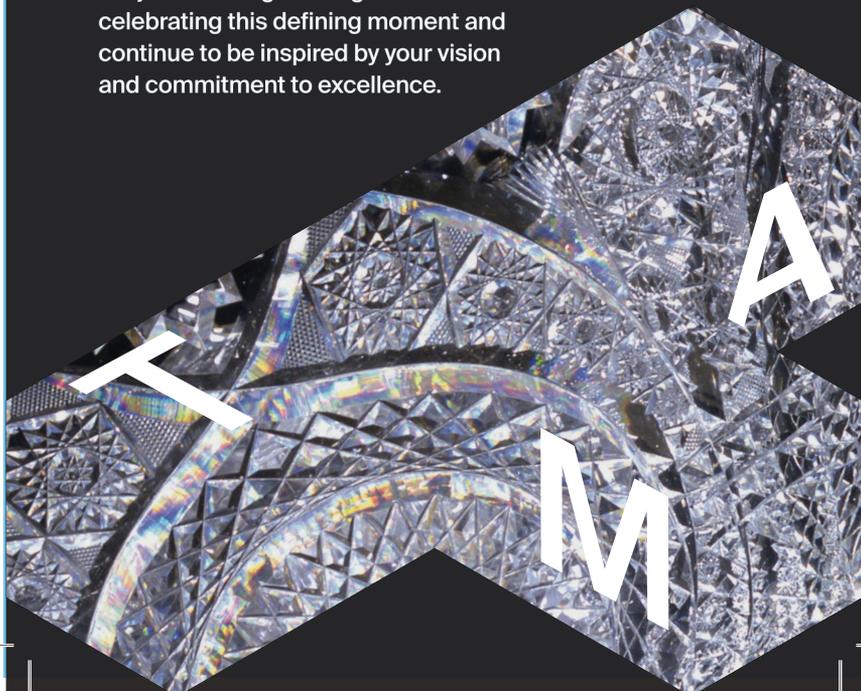
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**Congratulations,
Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr.,
from the entire
Toledo Museum of Art
community.**

We join Talladega College in celebrating this defining moment and continue to be inspired by your vision and commitment to excellence.



**CONGRATULATIONS,
DR. WILLIE L, TODD, JR.**

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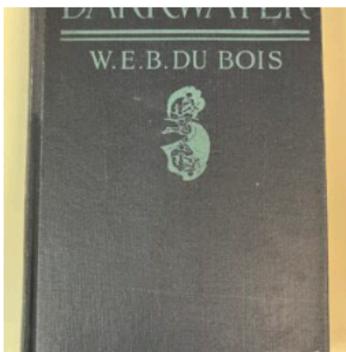
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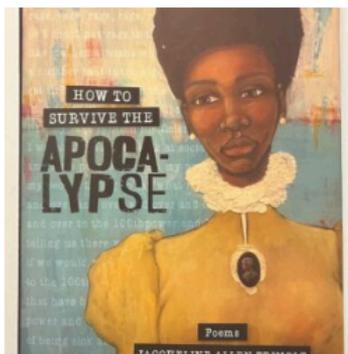
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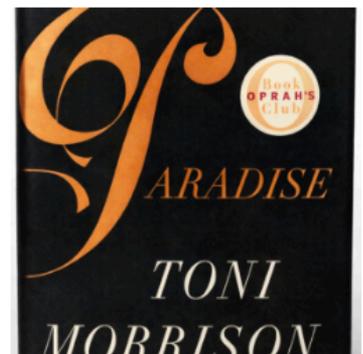
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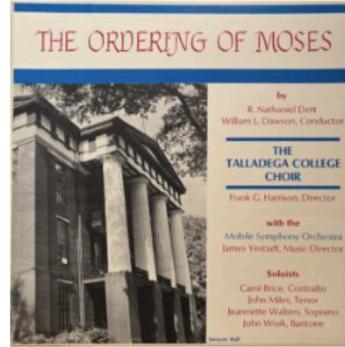
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