Historically Black College or Universities (HBCUs) were founded in 1837 to provide educational opportunities and break barriers for African-American or Black scholars. Today, there are 107 HBCUs across the nation.

The Benefits of Attending an HBCU Include:

- HBCUs often provide strong financial support for scholars, and tuition rates, on average, are 30% less than comparable institutions.
- HBCUs outperform non-HBCU institutions in retaining and graduating low-income, first-generation African-American or Black scholars.
- Research shows that African-American or Black HBCU graduates are better prepared for life after college than non-HBCU graduates.
- HBCUs are also known for their robust alumni community and networking opportunities.
- Furthermore, HBCUs are well-known for their traditions, campus culture, and student environment which includes Greek life, sports, music and arts.

15% of all Bachelors degrees are from HBCUs.

6 HBCUs produce over 40% of all African-American or Black engineers in the United States.
Delaware State University (DSU) in Dover, Delaware is a part of the HBCU community. The university is known for its excellence in teaching, research and public service and strives to be the most diverse, contemporary HBCU in America. DSU has more than 60 academic paths and an Aviation Program for professional pilots. Apply to their school Inspire scholarship today.

**The DSU INSPIRE Scholarship**
covers full-tuition for four years for Delaware high school graduates.

**Resources:**
- **Delaware State Overview:** [delawarestudentsuccess.org/de-colleges-universities](delawarestudentsuccess.org/de-colleges-universities)
- **Delaware State University Student Panel Webinar:** [delawarestudentsuccess.org/delaware-state-university-student-panel/](delawarestudentsuccess.org/delaware-state-university-student-panel/)
- **What is an HBCU:** [sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/one-hundred-and-five-historically-black-colleges-and-universities](sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/one-hundred-and-five-historically-black-colleges-and-universities)
- **Why Attend an HBCU:** [uncf.org/the-latest/6-reasons-hbcus-are-more-important-than-ever](uncf.org/the-latest/6-reasons-hbcus-are-more-important-than-ever)
- **Student Scholarships:** [tmcf.org](tmcf.org)

**Notable alumni of HBCUs include:** Clifford Brown, Thurgood Marshall, Chadwick Boseman, Oprah Winfrey, Vice President Kamala Harris and Stacey Abrams.

**Nearby HBCUs:**
- **Cheyney University of Pennsylvania**
  Delaware County, Pennsylvania
- **Lincoln University of Pennsylvania**
  Chester County, Pennsylvania
- **Howard University**
  Washington, D.C.
- **Morgan State University**
  Baltimore, Maryland
- **University of Maryland Eastern Shore**
  Princess Anne, Maryland
- **Coppin State University**
  Baltimore, Maryland
- **Bowie State University**
  Bowie, Maryland
- **Virginia State University**
  Petersburg, Virginia
- **Virginia Union University**
  Richmond, Virginia
- **Hampton University**
  Hampton, Virginia

**AND INTO AN HBCU**