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California Community Colleges Expands Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with Historically Black Colleges and Universities

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges has expanded its guaranteed transfer agreement with historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to include an additional 12 schools. In March 2015, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors signed the initial agreement with the leaders of nine HBCUs, guaranteeing admission for California community college students who meet certain academic criteria admission. The California Community Colleges is the only statewide community college system to have a transfer agreement of this kind with HBCUs.

“The expansion of this historic agreement creates a tremendous opportunity for our students,” said California Community Colleges Interim Chancellor [Erik E. Skinner](#). “HBCUs have a reputation for being among the finest and most culturally diverse institutions of higher learning in the nation. We’re thrilled we can expand the pathway for students to embrace all these historic schools have to offer.”

The new HBCUs participating in the agreement are:

- [Bethune-Cookman University](#) in Daytona Beach, FL
- [Central State University](#) in Wilberforce, OH
- [Clark Atlanta University](#) in Atlanta, GA
- [Edward Waters College](#) in Jacksonville, FL
- [Florida Memorial University](#) in Miami Gardens, FL
- [Grambling State University](#) in Grambling, LA
- [Huston-Tillotson University](#) in Austin, TX
- [Kentucky State University](#) in Frankfort, KY
- [Lane College](#) in Jackson, TN
- [Lincoln University of Pennsylvania](#) in Oxford, PA
- [Tougaloo College](#) in Tougaloo, MS
- [West Virginia State University](#) in Institute, WV

Under the agreement, students who apply to the schools and obtain a transfer-level associate degree with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and complete either the [Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum](#) (accepted at both the University of California and California State University), or the [California State University General Education Breadth](#) pattern, will be guaranteed admission with junior standing. Students are also guaranteed admission by earning an [Associate Degree for Transfer](#) or by completing 30 or more CSU or UC transferrable units with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

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HBCUs were founded to serve the higher education needs of African-American students, though they are open to all students. They are located mostly in the South and East Coast regions.

The nine HBCUs included in the inaugural agreement are:

- [Bennett College](#) in Greensboro, N.C.
- [Dillard University](#) in New Orleans, La.
- [Fisk University](#) in Nashville, Tenn.
- [Lincoln University of Missouri](#) in Jefferson City, Mo.
- [Philander Smith College](#) in Little Rock, Ark.
- [Stillman College](#) in Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- [Talladega College](#) in Talladega, Ala.
- [Tuskegee University](#) in Tuskegee, Ala.
- [Wiley College](#) in Marshall, Texas.

For more information on the guaranteed transfer agreement and all of the participating colleges and universities, please visit www.cccco.edu/HBCUTransfer.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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