Historically Black Colleges and Universities Embrace Affordable Access Programs

Nearly half of nation’s HBCUs rely on textbook access programs to help cut costs, improve outcomes for students

More than 45 HBCUs around the country depend on affordable access programs to help support students’ learning needs and make college more affordable. Here are the facts:

- **$30 Million**: Affordable access programs helped students at participating HBCUs save more than $30 million\(^1\) on course materials in the 2022-2023 school year.

- **100,000+ Students**: Over 100,000 students\(^2\) at participating HBCUs benefit from access programs, which ensure they have all their required course materials on or before the first day of classes at competitive below-market prices.

- **82%**: A survey\(^3\) of students at HBCU schools offering affordable access programs found 82% of students said access programs helped lower the cost of their course materials, and 85% felt better prepared for the academic term.

- **76%**: The same survey also found more than three-quarters of students agreed the access program helped them achieve better grades.

**Participating HBCU campuses include:**

- Alabama A&M University
- Alabama State University
- Alcorn State University
- Arkansas Baptist College
- Bowie State University
- Central State University
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Coahoma Community College
- Delaware State University
- Dillard University
- Edward Waters University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Memorial University
- Fort Valley State University
- Gadsden State Community College
- Grambling State University
- Hampton University
- Hinds Community College
- Jackson State University
- Kentucky State University
- Langston University
- LeMoine-Owen College
- Lincoln University
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina Central University
- Oakwood University
- Shaw University
- Southern University and A&M College
- Southern University at New Orleans
- Southern University at Shreveport
- Tennessee State University
- Texas College
- Tougaloo College
- Tuskegee University
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Union University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

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\(^1\) Internal data from Follett Higher Education and Barnes & Noble Education, covering academic year 2022-2023

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\(^3\) Survey conducted by Barnes & Noble Education of HBCU students participating in BNED’s First Day Complete affordable access program
HBCUs Offering Affordable Access Programs to Help Lower Costs for Students