

HBCUs

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

for PNW
students



WHAT IS AN HBCU?

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were founded to provide **educational opportunities to African Americans** after the Civil War.

HBCUs opened doors for many African Americans who were once legally denied an education. **These schools provided Black students with nurturing environments to explore their collective identities and cultures.**

WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER AN HBCU?

1 ON AVERAGE, THE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT AN HBCU IS **28% LESS** than attending a comparable non-HBCU.

2 **50% OF ALL BLACK TEACHERS AND 70% OF ALL BLACK DENTISTS ARE HBCU GRADS.**

3 HBCUs REPRESENT **3% OF U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION** institutions, but produce **20% OF BLACK COLLEGE GRADUATES.**

4 The 50,037 HBCU GRADS in 2014 can expect **TOTAL EARNINGS OF \$130 BILLION OVER THEIR LIFETIMES**—that's **56% MORE** than without college credentials.

5 In a lifetime, AN HBCU GRADUATE CAN EXPECT TO EARN **\$927,000 MORE IN INCOME** due to their college credential.

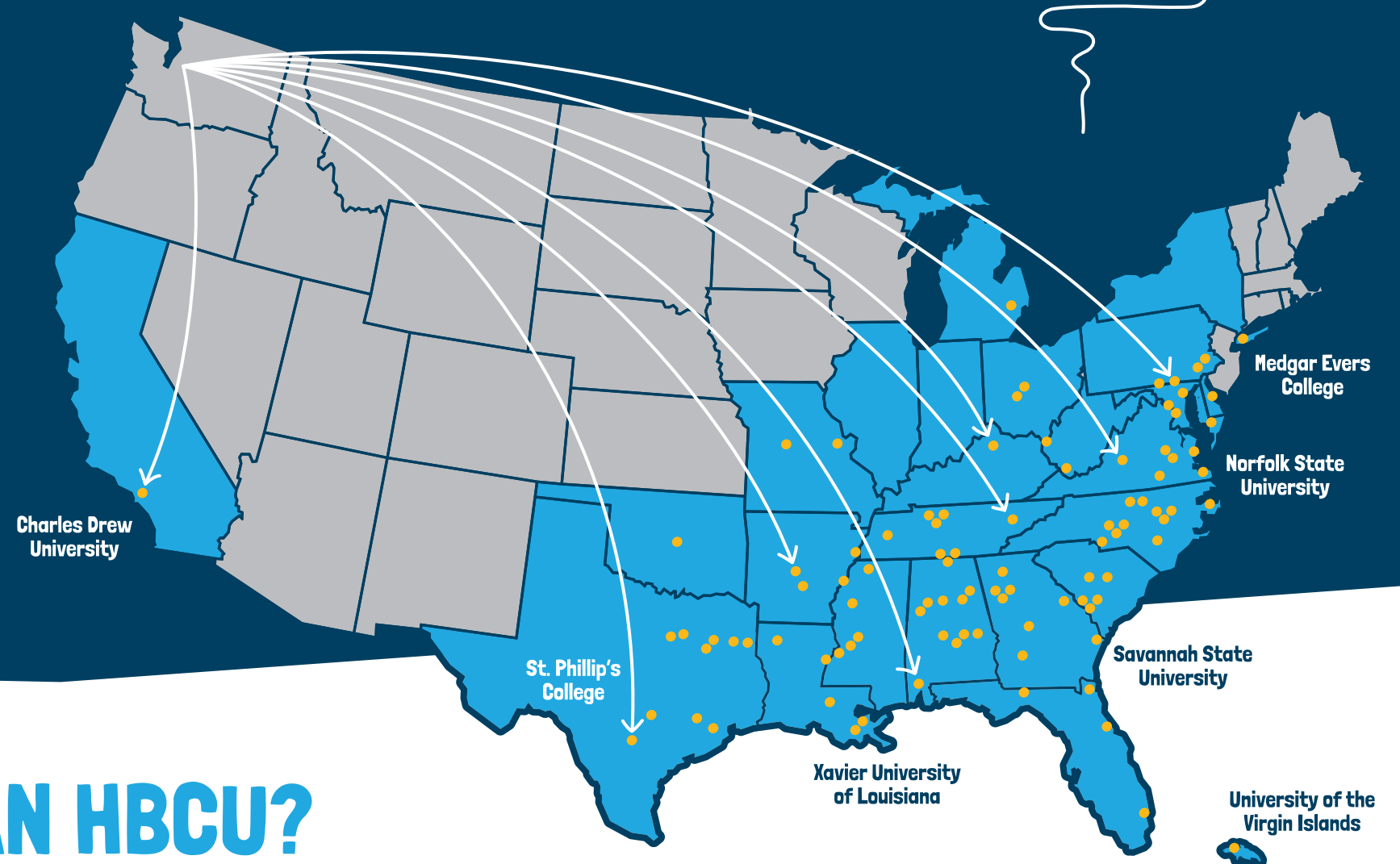
WHERE CAN YOU GET SUPPORT TO ATTEND AN HBCU?

- Explore a complete list of HBCUs: caa.wa.gov/education/hbcu-listing
- Apply for scholarships: uncf.org/scholarships
- Connect with the UNCF office in Washington State, apply for their youth programs, and learn more about their college & career resources: uncf.org/local-offices/seattle

There are **100+ HBCUs** in the United States with more than **228,000 students enrolled**. 56 of them are private and 51 are public colleges and universities.



THOUGH THERE ARE NO HBCUs IN THE PNW, THEY'RE NOT OUT OF REACH FOR PNW STUDENTS!



ROBERT WILLIS

HIGH SCHOOL: Renton High School (Renton School District)

COLLEGE: Norfolk State University (Norfolk, Virginia)

MAJOR: either Finance or Business Management

"My advice for Black students from the Pacific Northwest is that going to a HBCU will allow you to work and walk alongside those who look like you. It wasn't easy getting here, especially after I was diagnosed with dyslexia in elementary school. But I didn't let that stop me and I kept pushing and fighting until I got the opportunity to go to my dream college. Keeping my head up and my spirits up helped me persevere through it all. Plus, programs like UNCF's Portfolio Project supported me. Now, I'm enjoying the freedom of attending an HBCU!"

ALUMNI PROFILE

Sources: By the Numbers: How HBCUs Stack Up (UNCF); HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (UNCF); The Changing Face of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (University of Pennsylvania)

