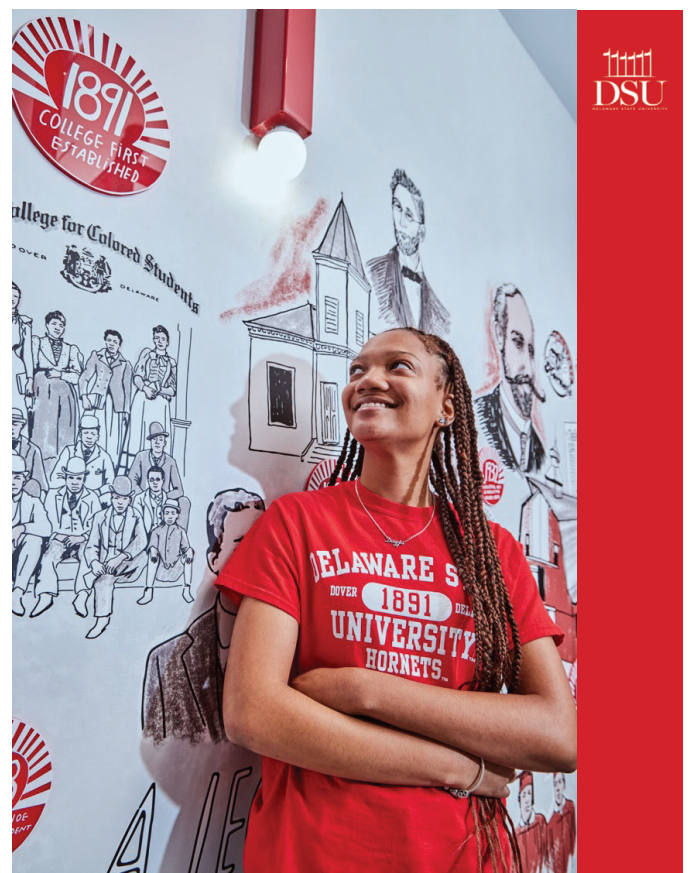




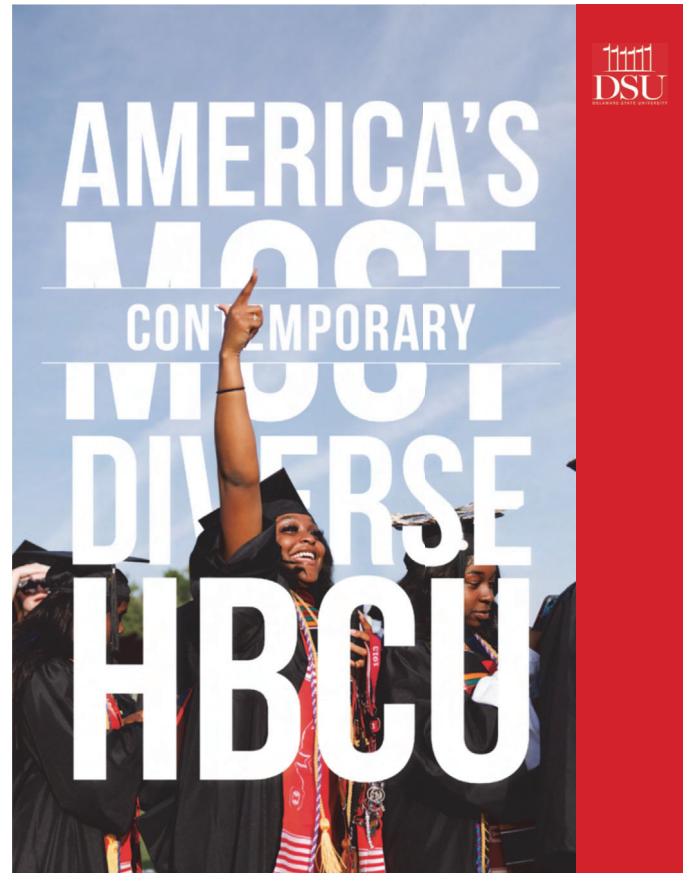
## The Community and Impact of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)

- HBCUs represent **just 3%** of all higher education institutions in the United States—there are 101 HBCUs, both public and private—but **educate twice as many Pell-eligible students as non-HBCUs**.
- HBCUs graduate **20% of all Black higher education graduates**, or 325,000 annually.
- *HBCUs have graduated:*
  - **40%** of all Black engineers;
  - **40%** of all Black US Congress members;
  - **50%** of all Black lawyers; and **80%** of all Black judges.
- HBCUs also supply **more Black applicants to medical schools** than non-HBCU institutions.
- Delaware State University is among the **best drivers of socio-economic mobility** in the U.S.



# Highlights

- The **No. 1 choice** for students of color in Delaware.
- Inspire Scholarship captured **75%** of all new, full-time in-state first-year students.
- **41%** increase in our physical footprint - with Wesley acquisition and opening of DSU Riverfront.
- Achieved **R2 Research Status** - DSU's research portfolio has grown from \$18M to \$45M.
- **25% enrollment growth** since 2020.
- **71%** of students are Pell grant eligible.
- **70%** of students graduate with work-based learning.
- **91%** of faculty now have terminal degrees.
- Early College School expansion now serves **583 students**.
- Two new academic buildings in the construction phase – **ECIC to open May 2025**.



US News & World Report  
HBCU College Rankings  
Delaware State University ranked

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OVERALL #9 PUBLIC  
CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN:  
Social Mobility | Undergraduate Teaching  
Innovation | Graduation | Retention



# U.S. Higher Education Trend: HBCUs Critical to Closing Racial Wealth Gap

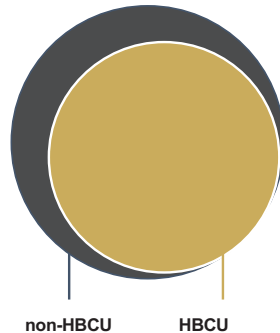
## HBCU graduates represent:

**~20%**  
of Black **college**  
graduates nationwide

**~25%**  
of Black **STEM**  
graduates nationwide

## HBCU graduates earn a high return on investment and path to mobility:

Costs of attendance



**-28%**

Lifetime earnings

**+\$927,000**

Greater lifetime earnings than if they did not have their HBCU degree.

**+56%**

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B. Bridges, "African Americans and College by the Numbers," UNCF

# U.S. Higher Education Trend: HBCUs Remain Best ROI in Higher Ed

## Newsweek



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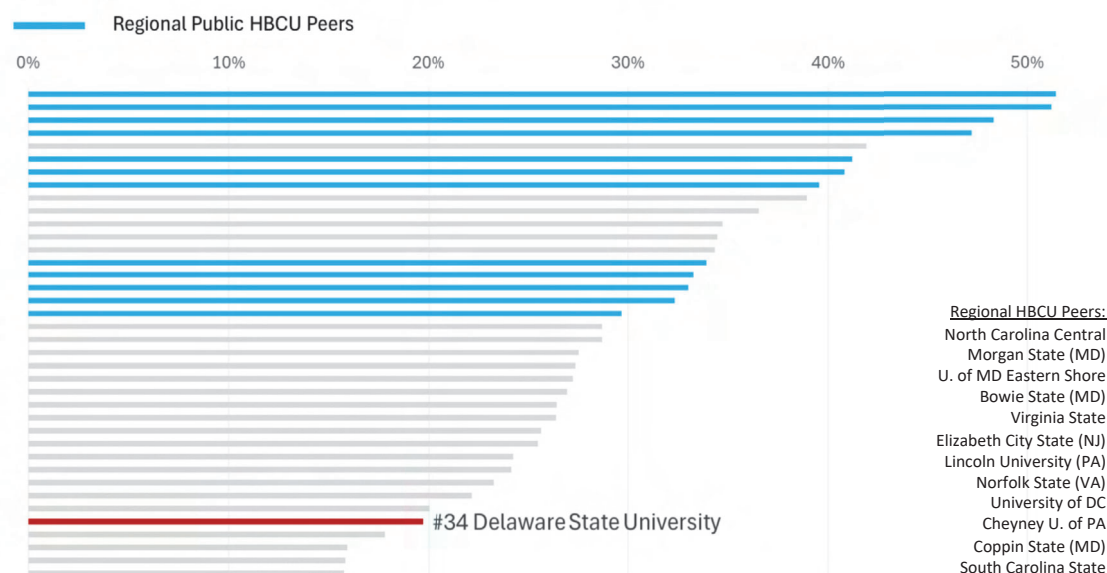
ROI for HBCUs is not just financial. On every indicator of well-being, black students attending HBCUs fare better than similarly situated students at Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs). In addition to educating talented people of color and enabling a mobility rate twice that of our peers, we also make better, more confident global citizens who are committed to finding professional success and giving back to their community.

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Source: Money Spent on HBCUs Pays Enormous Financial & Social Dividends, Opinion." Newsweek, May 23, 2024.

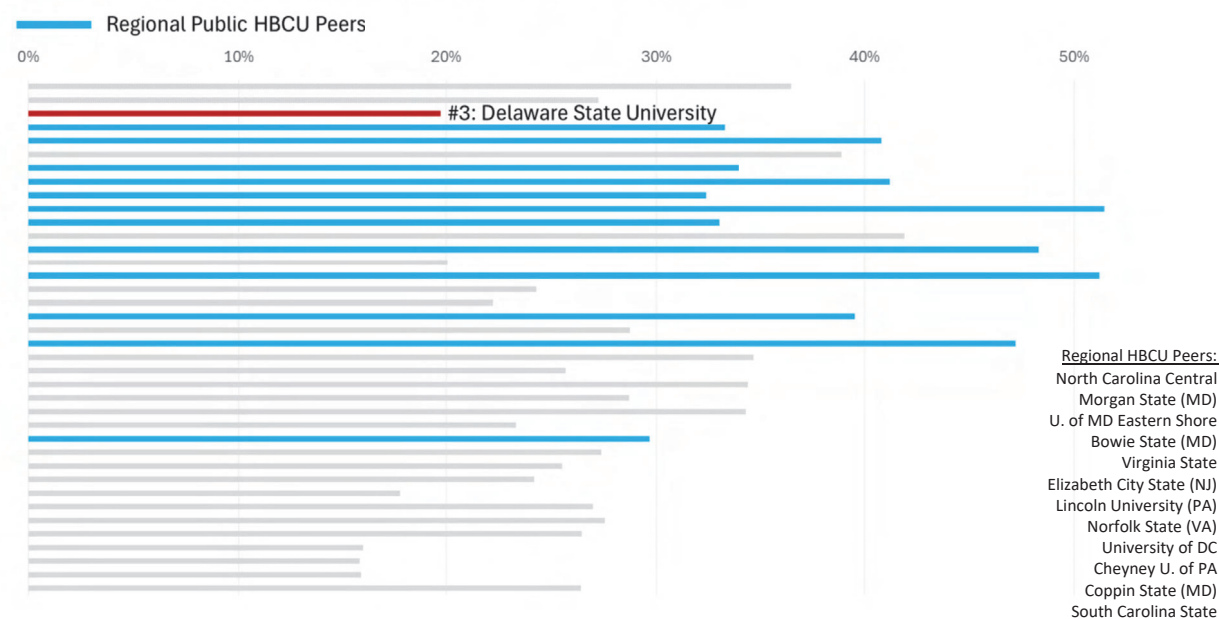
# DSU's level of state funding falls far behind other public HBCUs.

State Appropriations as % of Core Revenues: Public HBCUs



## ...And DSU is doing more with less.

State Appropriations as % of Core Revenues  
Public HBCUs in U.S. News and World Report Ranking Order



### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

is achieved when the University recruits, empowers, and supports a diverse faculty of leading experts with superior teaching skills that meld expertise to cutting-edge instructional practices and an abiding personal commitment to student growth.

### FOCUSING ON THE WHOLE STUDENT

### STUDENT SUCCESS

is supported by the creation of an exceptional learning environment that extends beyond the classroom to a commitment by the entire community. Wraparound supports including world-class advising, tutoring, counseling, health services, co-curricular programs, service opportunities, and smart campus technology are essential.

### OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

is critical to delivering an efficient, proactive array of support, including but not limited to finance, enrollment management, information technology, athletics, and public safety, that sustainably deliver exceptional service and stakeholder experiences and outcomes.

### INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT

requires that we not only maintain comprehensive, efficient, and culturally relevant physical and virtual spaces across campus that prepare students for a smaller interconnected world, but continuously develop the new capacities and resources to meet changing student needs and institutional growth targets.

### FINANCIAL HEALTH

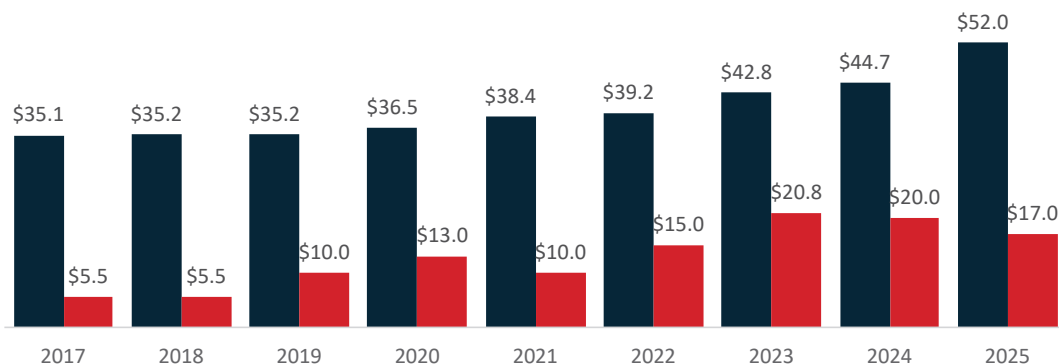
is the indispensable foundation for all our long-term goals as we increase University revenues; reduce/eliminate unnecessary costs; employ innovative management strategies; streamline the budget process; and build a strong financial reserve in order to meet a focused set of needs.

## Increasing Enrollment & Commitment from the State of Delaware

Enrollment has **grown 25%** from FY 20 to FY 25.

### Operating and Capital Budget Actuals (\$M) 2017-25

■ Operating ■ Capital



# Delaware State University is building capacity to provide high quality education for in-demand careers.



## New Agriculture Building



- Partnership with Agilent Technologies Inc. to build 10,400-square-foot life science hub to increase the share of underrepresented students entering STEM fields.
- First new academic building constructed on campus in nearly 10 years.



124-seat auditorium  
featuring a  
demonstration kitchen

New century maker-  
space classroom and  
innovative labs

Multipurpose room,  
offices, and  
conference room

# Early Childhood Innovation Center

- Improving access and removing barriers to advanced credentials for **over 220 educators**.
- Awarded **13 degrees** to early childhood education professionals in first year.



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## FY 2026 Capital Budget Requests

Delaware State University

### FY 2026 Capital Budget

(Gov. Carney GRB) \$20,000.0

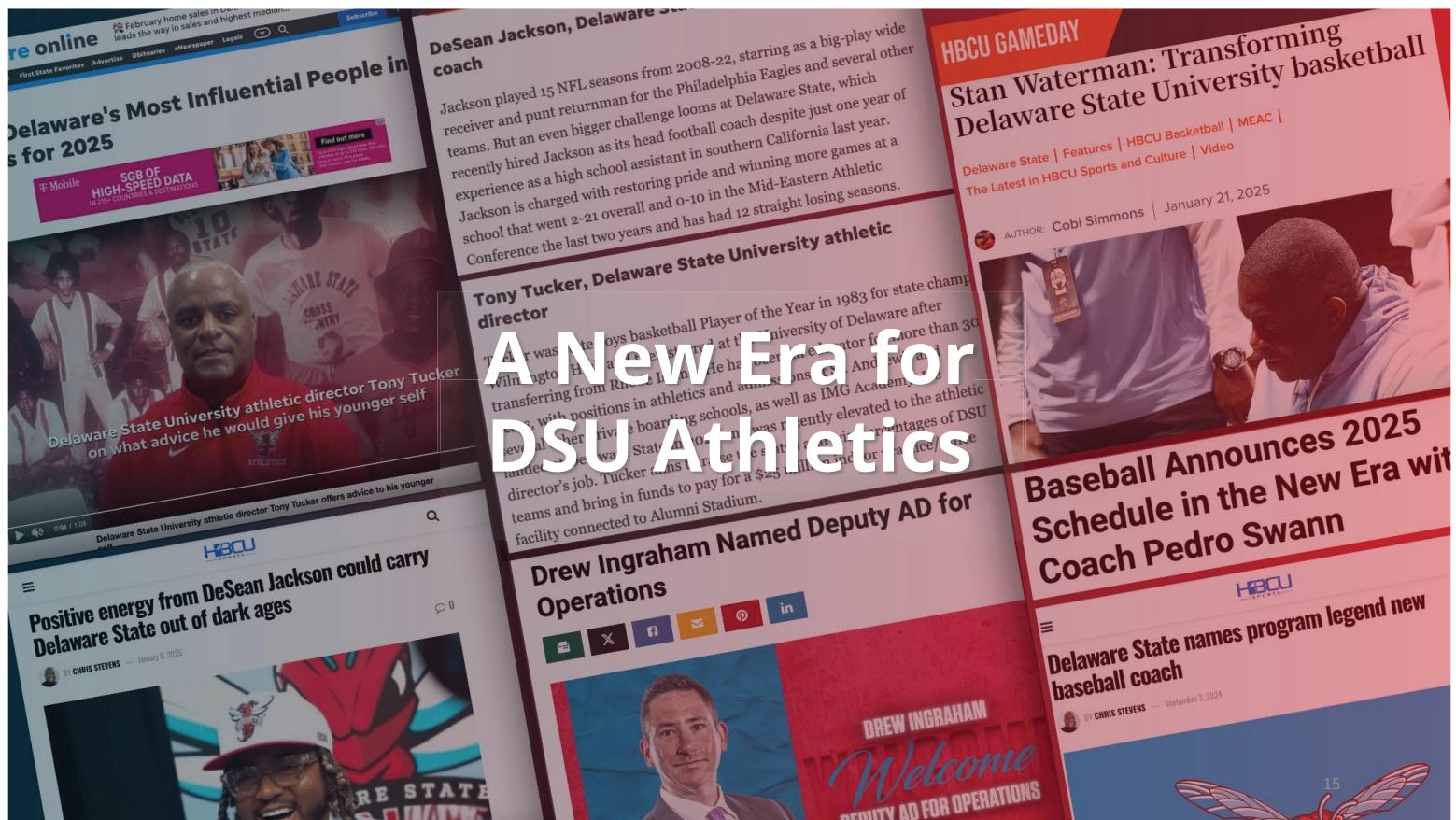
(Gov. Meyer GRB) \$14,000.0

### FY 2026 Capital Budget (Additional Request)

*DSU Athletic Transformation* \$25,000.0

### Total FY 2026 Requested Capital Budget:

**\$45,000.0**



## Partnership with DIAA

- Signed a multi-year contract/partnership with the **DE Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA)**.
- **DSU to host Tournament Games and State Championships.**
  - Games on both DSU Campuses in Dover.
  - 10 sports over 3 seasons.
- DSU is positioned to become the **year-around administrative and event headquarters** for DIAA.



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# ATHLETICS FACILITIES TRANSFORMATION

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## Why Invest in DSU Athletics?



### EXPANDED FOOTPRINT

DSU has responsibly grown our physical footprint by 41% and grown academic enrollment.



### FUTURE GROWTH

Athletics is a reputational leader for the University and will support future growth.



### YOUTH SPORTS AND DIAA

Upgraded facilities will support youth sports development and serve as headquarters for our partnership with the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA).



### COMMUNITY IMPACT

Convocation Center will support economic growth in Dover and surrounding Kent County communities.

## FAIRNESS

Delaware State University is our state's emerging research institution, our only HBCU, and an anchor employer in Dover. We also have the most unmet needs in Delaware higher education. **It's time for additional State investment.**

# Our Vision

A phased approach to transform DSU over the next four years:

PHASE

2025-2026

1

**\$25M – New Indoor Field House Construction**

PHASE

2025-2027

2

**\$10M – Alumni Stadium & DSU Downtown Athletic Facilities Upgrades**

PHASE

2027-2030

3

**\$90M – Convocation Center: A Multi-Purpose Indoor Arena & Conference Space Construction**

CURRENT PROJECT

PHASE

1

**\$25M – New Indoor Field House Construction**

A world-class indoor training facility that would house all DSU sports programs, enhance recruitment efforts, and serve as HQ for Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA).

STREET LEVEL PERSPECTIVE

STANLEY  
LOVE  
STANLEY  
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## LOOKING AHEAD

PHASE

2

### **\$10M – Alumni Stadium & DSU Downtown Athletic Facilities Upgrades**

Renovation of Alumni Stadium to modernize the community experience and better serve our collegiate and high school athletes – and continued improvement of former Wesley facilities downtown.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

PHASE

3

### **\$90M - Convocation Center: A Multi-Purpose Indoor Arena & Conference Facility**

A new community-based convocation center that would centralize DSU event space, allow for larger convenings and tournaments, and catalyze economic development in Dover and broader Kent County.

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