

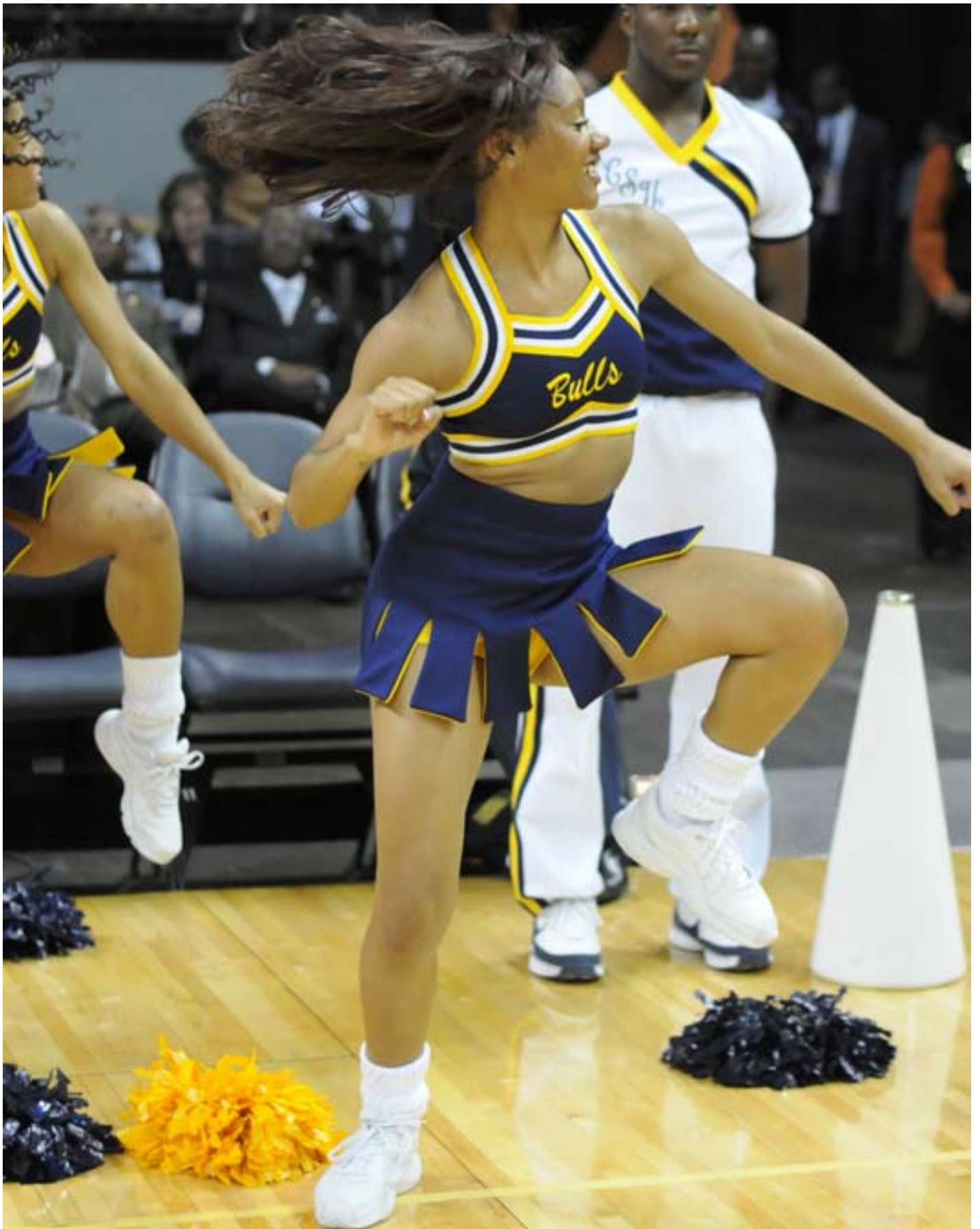
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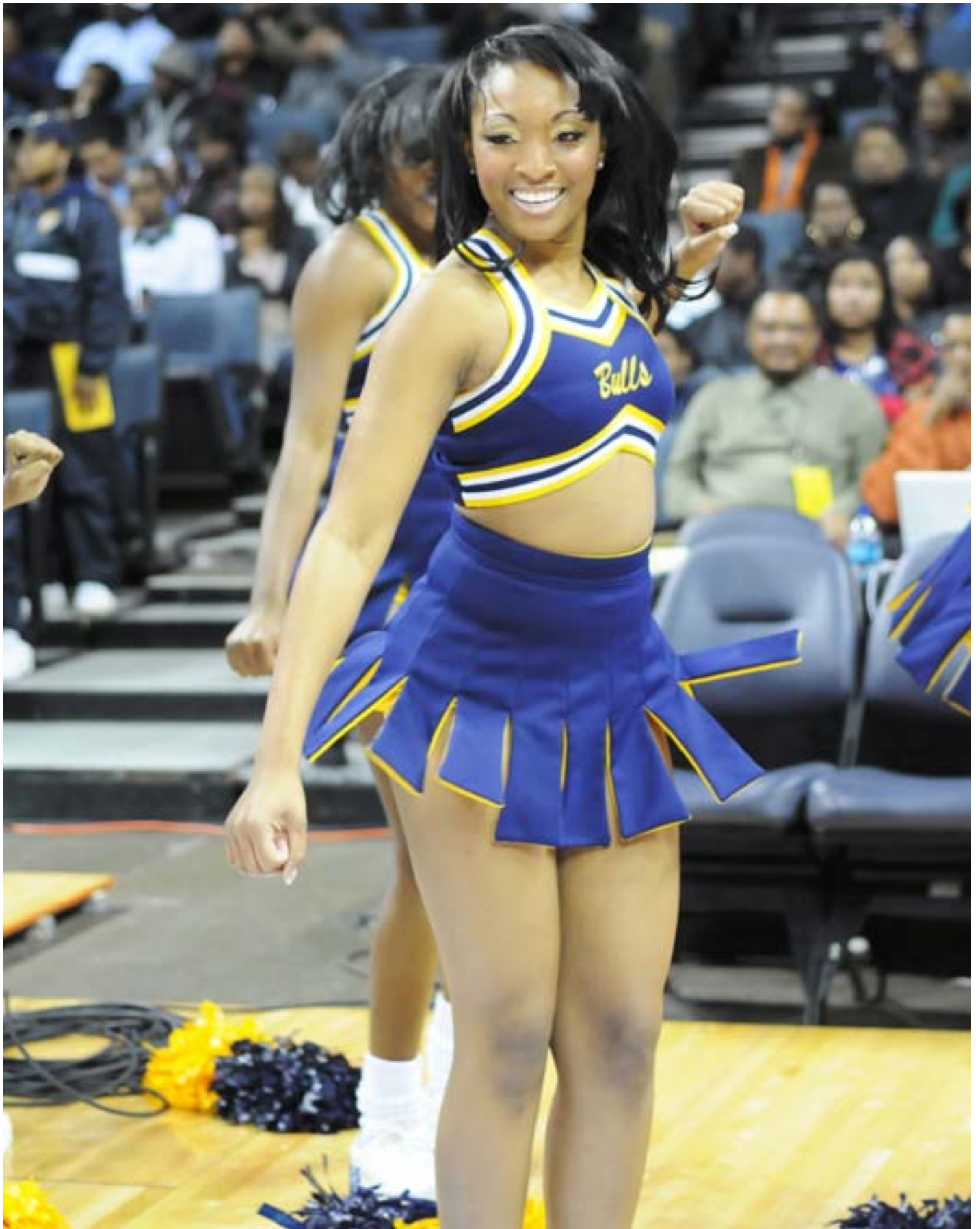
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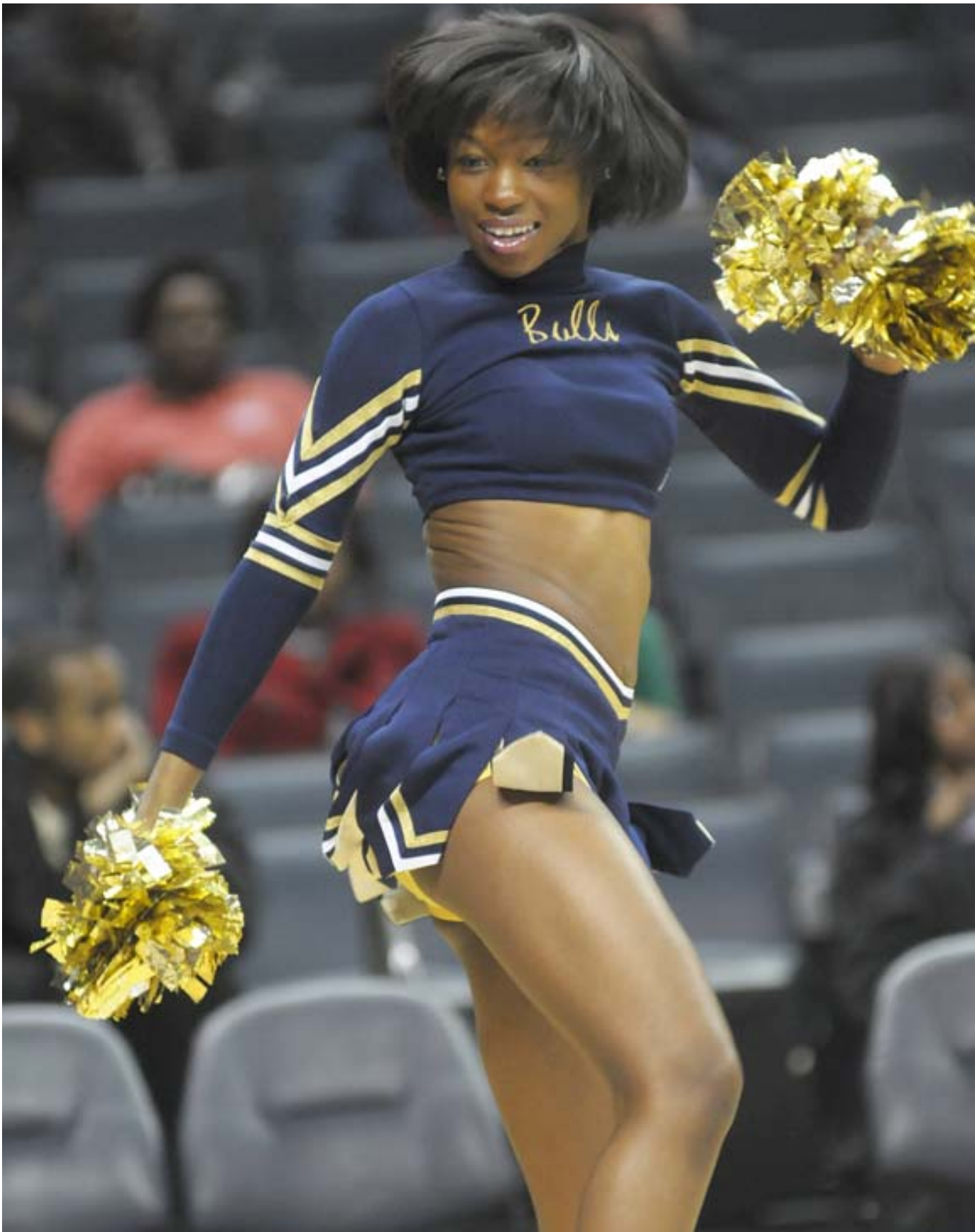
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# *HBCU Today*: Enhancing awareness of the cultural and educational opportunities offered at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Today, minorities are experiencing high school dropout rates in excess of 50 percent in many urban cities across the nation. Students that do graduate are having a more difficult time finding universities they can afford—and where their culture is appreciated.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have served the social, cultural and educational needs of America's young men and women for the last 170 years. Their rich traditions and academic excellence have produced thousands of leaders in the fields of business, medicine, politics, law and sports.

Yet, many students across the United States are unaware of the significance and relevance of these great institutions. That's why Black Educational Events has created *HBCU Today*, a comprehensive guide to our nation's HBCUs.

HBCUs are producing the highest number of African-American Ph.D.s per capita and, according to Grambling University President Horace Judson, at a time when the United States is falling behind China and India in producing engineers and scientists, universities like Grambling have tailor-made their missions to be on the international stage.

Quality HBCU educational experiences are found not just in large, well-endowed private schools like Howard, Hampton or Tuskegee. From North Carolina A&T to Grambling State University, there are strong HBCUs across the country. Many of these state schools were created as "land grant" institutions after the Civil War to educate freed slaves. Today, although their missions have broadened, schools like Florida A&M, Prairie View A&M, Jackson State, Texas Southern University, and Alabama State University still carry the proud HBCU name and traditions.

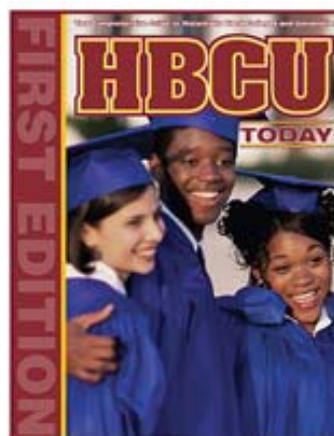


The glaring reality is that without the role and function of HBCUs, the landscape of America would be quite different. Had it not been for the desire of Heman Marion Sweat and a rejection letter from the University of Texas Law School, there would not have been a Texas Southern Law School. Had there not been a Dr. Benjamin Mays at Morehouse, there might not have been a Martin Luther King, Jr.

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- Articles on the history and relevance of HBCUs from award-winning *Washington Post* writer Hamil Harris and former *USA Today* sportswriter Michael Hurd
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