

# CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019-2021





A photograph of three students sitting on a grassy lawn. On the left, a young woman with long, curly brown hair is smiling and looking towards the center. In the middle, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a denim jacket over a white t-shirt, is looking towards the right. On the right, another young man with short dark hair, wearing an orange t-shirt with 'CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY' printed on it, is smiling broadly while holding a piece of paper. They are all sitting on the grass, and a red Clafin University bag is visible in the foreground. In the background, there are trees and a brick building.

## Mission Statement

Claflin University is a comprehensive institution of higher education affiliated with the United Methodist Church. A historically black University founded in 1869, Claflin is committed to providing students with access to exemplary educational opportunities in its undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs. Claflin is dedicated to providing a student-centered, liberal arts education grounded in cutting-edge research, experiential learning, state-of-the art technology, community service, and life-long personal and professional fulfillment.

Claflin is a diverse and inclusive community of students, faculty, staff and administrators who work to cultivate practical wisdom, judgment, knowledge, skills and character needed for globally engaged citizenship and effective leadership.

## Vision Statement

Claflin University will be recognized as a leading 21st Century institution of higher education that develops a diverse and inclusive community of globally engaged visionary leaders.

## Accreditation

Claflin University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Claflin University.





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## Message from the President

Dear Claflin Family,

This publication provides a summary of Claflin University's "Elevation and Transformation" since my tenure began as the University's ninth president in August 2019. It is truly remarkable what our collective contributions have accomplished to promote academic excellence, alumni engagement, student success, and our distinctive brand - nationally and globally - in broadcast, print, and social media. Perhaps our crowning achievement has been our unprecedented fundraising success, as financial gifts from corporate and individual donors surpassed previous records.

We've experienced these momentous milestones during a global pandemic that disrupted every aspect of culture and society. Claflin not only survived – we thrived, as "Team Claflin" displayed a steadfast commitment to preserving Claflin's illustrious legacy that spans more than 150 years. Founded in 1869, Claflin is South Carolina's oldest historically black college/university (HBCU). We are also the first college/university in the state to admit students regardless of gender, ethnic origin, race, or religion.

Although we still have so much more to accomplish, my "Claflin Confidence" assures me that this is only the beginning of the "Elevation and Transformation" we will celebrate in the years ahead.

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwaun Warmack", with a stylized, flowing script.

Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack  
President











# Claflin University At-A-Glance

## Our Rankings

**U.S. News and World Report's** 2022 ranking placed Claflin in the "Top 10" on its list of the Best Historically Black Colleges/Universities (HBCUs) for the 11th consecutive year. Claflin is the only HBCU in South Carolina ranked in the "Top 10." The prestigious publication ranked Claflin 7th in the Best Regional College in the South category. Institutions in this group focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. Claflin was third in the U.S. News ranking of the Top Performers on Social Mobility for Regional Colleges in the South. Claflin is among the colleges that are more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded Pell Grants. [September 2021]

Claflin was also listed 8th in College Choice's 2021 poll of the Top 25 Colleges and Universities in South Carolina. College Choice is a leading online authority in college and university rankings and resources. [August 2021]

## Statistics:

- Undergraduate majors (UG): 37
- Graduate majors (GR): 5
- Online degrees: 8 (4 UG, 4 GR)
- Student to Faculty Ratio: 13:1
- Average class size: 16
- Instructional Faculty: 129 full time; 83% with terminal degrees

## Top 5 Undergraduate Majors:

Biology, Psychology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Mass Communications

## Program Accreditations:

Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); National Association of Schools of Music (NASM); American Chemical Society (ACS); Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET); and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).





# By the Numbers – Our Report Card

## OUR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT CARD

■ Benchmark ■ Retention

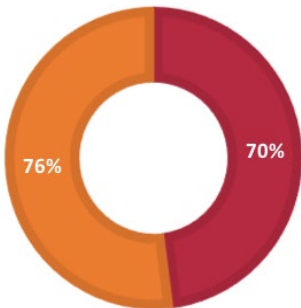
### Our Student Services Report Card

Retention Data

**76%**

2019 BENCHMARK:

**70%**



## OUR FISCAL REPORT CARD

■ Benchmark ■ Assets

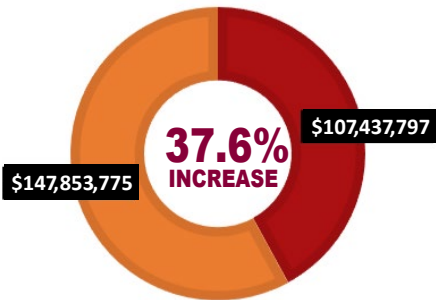
### Our Fiscal Report Card

2021 TOTAL ASSETS

**\$147,853,775**

2019 BENCHMARK: \$107,437,797

**37.6% INCREASE**



## NET ASSETS

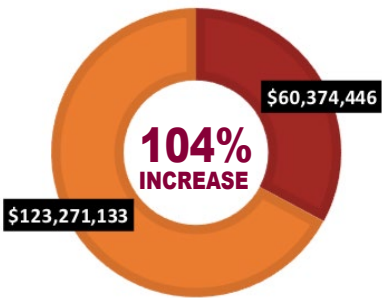
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2021 NET ASSETS

**\$123,271,133**

2019 BENCHMARK: \$60,374,446

**104% INCREASE**





## By the Numbers – Our Report Card

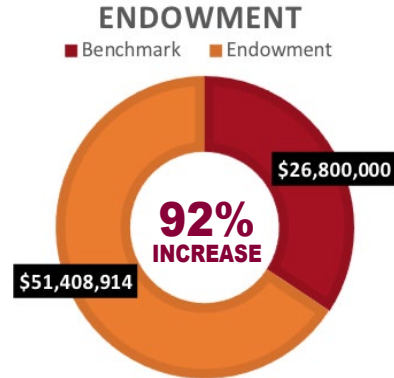
### 2021 ENDOWMENT

**\$51,408,914**

2019 BENCHMARK: \$26.8 M

**92% INCREASE**

*(As of October 6, 2021)*

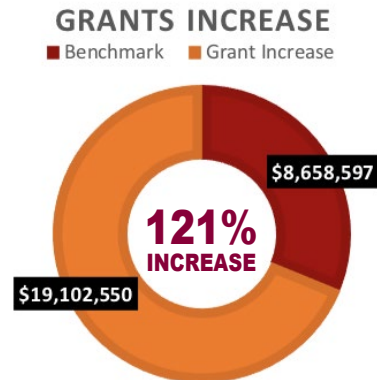


### 2021 GRANTS INCREASE

**\$19,102,550**

2019 BENCHMARK: \$8,658,597

**121% INCREASE**

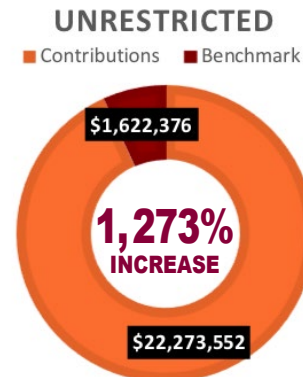


### 2021 UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$22,273,552**

2019 BENCHMARK: \$1,622,376

**1,273% INCREASE**





# Elevation and Transformation with our Students

## Class of 2024 Profile

- Geographical locations: 17 states, not including South Carolina, and 43 of South Carolina's 47 counties.
- 564 new scholars enrolled at Claflin (this was a 9.3% increase compared to the 2019-2020 Freshman Class)
- Combined class grade point average (GPA) was 3.64
- The Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College welcomed 40 new high-achieving scholars, including three Presidential Scholars.
- The Class of 2024 also included 131 State of South Carolina Hope and Life Scholars and 49 James E. Clyburn/Rudolph Canzater Scholars.



## Class of 2025 Profile

- Geographical locations: 23 states, not including South Carolina, two international countries (Jamaica, Nigeria); and 40 of South Carolina's 47 counties
- The Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College welcomed 40 new high-achieving scholars, including three Presidential Scholars.
- The Class of 2025 also included four high school valedictorians; two salutatorians; 131 State of South Carolina Hope and Life Scholars; 215 Academic Incentive Award Scholars; and 39 James E. Clyburn/Rudolph Canzater Scholars.





# CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

APRIL 24

2021

## Graduation by the Numbers



# 274

## GRADUATES

### HIGHEST GPA

Thalia Butts, Mass Communications  
Emerson Frazier, Political Science

### HONORS

Summa Cum Laude	13
Magna Cum Laude	32
Cum Laude	65

### GRADUATES BY SCHOOL

School of Humanities and Social Sciences	131
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	68
School of Business	48
School of Education	27

### TOP 5 MAJORS

Psychology	45
Mass Communications	27
Biology	27
Criminal Justice	22
Business Administration	17

### DEGREES CONFERRED

Bachelor Science	134
Bachelor of Arts	127
Master of Science	5
Master of Education	1
Master of Business Administration	7

### OTHER DEMOGRAPHICS

South Carolina graduates	228
South Carolina counties	33
Number of States	19
International Students	3
Females	1
Males	2



# Elevation and Transformation in the Community

## Pathways From Prison Program (May 2020)

In May 2020, Claflin University was the only HBCU in South Carolina among 67 colleges and universities selected to participate in the Second Chance Pell Grant Pilot Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education (DoEd). The grant represents the DoEd's expansion of the Second Chance Pell program which provides need-based Federal Pell Grants to individuals incarcerated in federal and state prisons. The grants allow incarcerated individuals to receive federal funding to enroll in postsecondary programs offered by local colleges and universities or distance learning.

The Pathways From Prison Program began in December 2020 when Claflin University established a partnership with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The program launched its first cohort of students in July 2021. This historic initiative aligns with Claflin's commitment to offering access to its exceptional academic programs to all students who value higher education's positive impact on individuals and communities. Incarcerated individuals in South Carolina prisons are eligible to participate provided they meet the requirements.



The SCDC approved 62 students to participate in the program based on the agency's qualifications. Claflin offered acceptance to nearly 30 students based on the University's academic requirements.

Students may earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, psychology, and organizational management. Additionally, they may also earn minors and certificate credentials.

The program is coordinated by Claflin's Center for Social Justice through the Center for Professional and Continuing Studies. Claflin was awarded a \$525,000 grant from Gilead Sciences, Inc. to support initiatives and programs conducted by the University's new Center for Social Justice. Gilead, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company.

## Claflin University Downtown Center (June 2021)

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 30, 2021, celebrated the grand opening of the Claflin University Downtown Center at 1425 Russell Street in Orangeburg, S.C. The Downtown Center houses the Center for Social Justice and Claflin's new Center for Global Education, established by a merger of The Center for Professional and Continuing Studies and Claflin Online.

The Center for Social Justice coordinates Claflin's transformative Pathways From Prison Program. The program is funded by the Department of Education's Second Chance Pell Grant which allows incarcerated individuals to receive federal funding to enroll in postsecondary programs offered by local colleges and universities or distance learning.

The Center for Professional and Continuing Studies (CPCS) and Claflin Online, programs that comprise the Downtown Center's Global Education Center, are also vital to President Warmack's projections for expanding the University's academic outreach throughout Orangeburg. The CPCS coordinates enrollment for



mostly non-traditional learners enrolled in one of the four accelerated online or on-campus bachelor's degree programs or one of the five accelerated online or on-campus master's degree programs. It also collaborates with the Center for Social Justice in implementing the Pathways From Prison Program.

Claflin Online offers broad access to the University's exemplary bachelor's and master's degree programs and certificate programs in an online educational environment. Claflin Online provides online delivery of four bachelor's degree programs and four master's degree programs.

## New Student Center (July 2021)

Claflin University has announced its plans to build a new facility that will be consistent with Claflin's elevation and transformation of the campus community while improving the lives of residents throughout Orangeburg County.

The corner of Magnolia Street and Goff Avenue's previous landscape offered a view of two houses surrounded by trees, bushes, and other plants. Both houses have been torn down and in 2023, the area will be the site of Claflin's new Student and Community Center.

The estimated \$23 million facility will have three levels, each offering spaces for students and guests from the community," said Tijuana Hudson, vice president for fiscal affairs. "On the first floor and through the doors of the covered drop-off, you'll enter the food court. We could have four different eateries in this area who will be accessible to students and the community."

Hudson described the facility as a student center/community center because many of the amenities are open to the community, as well. She added that one of the primary purposes of the center is to centralize student services in one location. This includes the campus bookstore, university pantry, and a hair care center. Indoor and outdoor lounge areas are planned for the first floor. The first floor also will provide an area of entertainment, an auditorium/movie theater, that residents and visitors to Orangeburg have done without for far too long.

The second floor will be the site for more student services such as the offices for career services, student activities, residential life, student government, online student resource center, and the Paw Print Center. Residents of the community will be able pay for the printing and copying services provided by the Paw Print Center. Community organizations will also be able to rent space in a media room. The presidential dining room will be another feature of the second floor.

On the third floor will be a large ballroom, arcade, and, E-sports room. The ballroom will have a seating capacity of 800 guests.





# Look at our progress



## Student Center coming in 2023



## Elevation and Transformation through Academics

### MSN in Nursing Degree (August 2020)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in August 2020. Since the Fall 2021 semester, all MSN classes have been offered online except for on-site clinical practicums that are required each semester. Claflin is the only HBCU in the state of South Carolina to offer a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing.

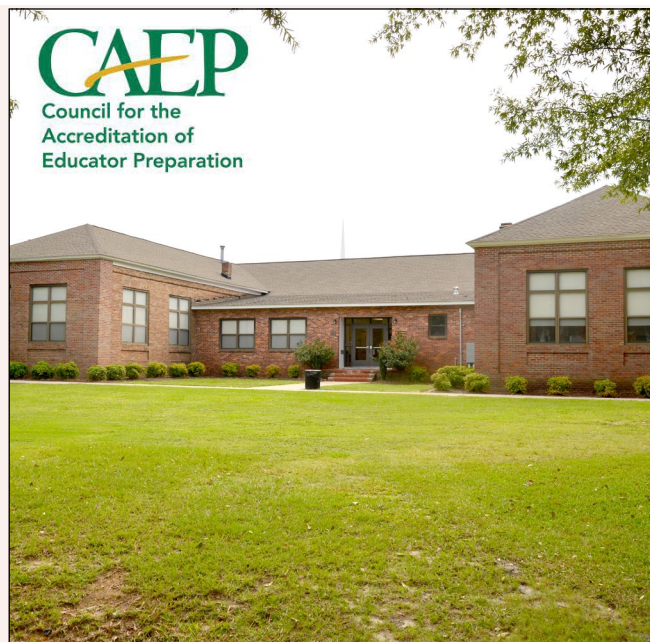
Claflin has partnerships with several hospitals, including The Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg and Prisma Health, which has several sites in South Carolina. Claflin also has a partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System that offers registered nurses who have earned an associate degree from any one of the system's 16 schools a seamless transfer to Claflin.



### School of Education Accreditation (June 2021)

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced that Claflin University is one of 60 providers from 26 states to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Spring 2021 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 60 newly-accredited education preparation providers, bringing the total to 423 providers approved under the CAEP Accreditation Standards—rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

CAEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately, 700 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system.





## Academic Partnership with Africa University (May 2021)

When Claflin University announced its partnership with Africa University in March 2017, the agreement reaffirmed the University's commitment to global engagement through its transformative academic programs and world-class faculty. The partnership is largely based on a faculty/student exchange program which is consistent with Claflin's vision to "develop a diverse and inclusive community of globally engaged visionary leaders."

Claflin administrators and Professor Peter Mageto, acting vice chancellor at Africa University, met in Orangeburg, S.C., in May 2021 to review the status of an exciting new component of their historic collaboration – Claflin's plan to offer classes online to Africa University students who want to earn a Master of Science degree in biotechnology. The program is expected to begin in 2022.

"The master's in biotechnology program will significantly enhance our historic partnership with Africa University," said Claflin President Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack. "A master's degree in biotechnology will increase employment opportunities considerably for their students in the global workforce. The program also expands Claflin's brand throughout the continent. This will help us recruit talented diverse scholars, faculty, and researchers from Africa and other countries."

"We see biotechnology as a program that will strengthen our relationship with Claflin," said Mageto. "We also see this as an opportunity to develop an international program that will attract students from beyond our borders and impact how governments will begin to think about biotechnology and climate change."

Africa University, located in Zimbabwe, is the first and only fully accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The General Conference unanimously approved the founding of Africa University in 1988.

*Pictured from left to right: Rev. James Salley, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, Africa University; Dr. Verlie Tisdale, interim vice provost, Claflin University; Professor Peter Mageto, acting vice chancellor, Africa University; President Dwaun J. Warmack, and Dr. Karl Wright, provost, Claflin University.*





# Elevation and Transformation Through Academic and Student Support Grant Funded Projects



National Institutes of Health  
*RISE Grant*

**\$2,136,264**

To conduct projects in various laboratories (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics-Computer Science and Engineering) in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.



Department of Education  
*Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Project*

**\$493,847**

To expand the scope of research and education in science via a targeted infusion of a modern STEM summer institute at Claflin University.



Department of Defense  
*Army Research Contract*

**\$546,999**

To research synthesis and characterization of novel inorganic optical crystalline materials.



National Science Foundation  
*Excellence in Research Grant*

**\$498,756**

To compare educational outcomes at institutions of higher education.



Department of Education  
*Student Support Service TRIO Grant*

**\$1,675,550**

To provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their



Comcast Corporation

**\$500,000**

To help increase the number of minorities in media careers by partnering with NBC and its professionals to enhance our program offerings and provide students with more career training and opportunities.

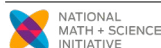


Department of Interior  
*Historic Preservation Grant*

**\$446,561**

To preserve and restore Trustee Hall.

UTeach Institute



UTEACH Institute/National Math and Science Initiative

**\$1,000,000** (Received Notification)

To strengthen secondary STEM teacher preparation pathways based on UTeach model.

University of Delaware/NSF MRSEC

**\$853,819** (Received Notification)

To create hybrid materials that seamlessly convert between THz excitations of each constituent, enable nonlinear interactions ideal for modulators or gates, and enable controlled formation and modulation of hybridized quantum states.



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## Elevation and Transformation through Philanthropy



### **MacKenzie Scott** **\$20 million**

Laying the foundation for a capital campaign to drive infrastructure improvements, including a state-of-the-art student center.

### **Google** **\$5 million**

Creating pathways and opportunities for increased diverse representation in the STEM industry.

### **BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina** **\$2.7 million**

Supporting immediate gaps such as technology support.

### **Zoom Video Communications, Inc.** **\$1.2 million**

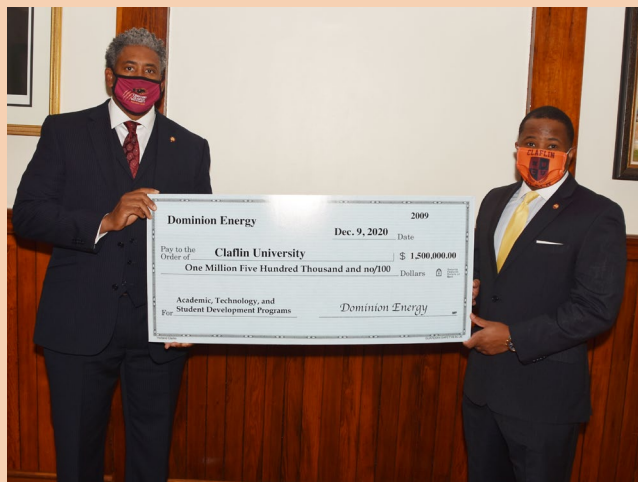
Supporting educational and financial investments

### **Dominion Energy** **\$1.5 million**

Supporting endowments, capital projects, operating expenses and educational programs in clean energy.

### **Anonymous Donor** **\$1 million**

Providing students access to our exemplary academic programs through an endowment.



## Elevation and Transformation through Philanthropy

### **Gilead Sciences, Inc.**

**\$525,000**

Supporting initiatives and programs conducted by the University's new Center for Social Justice.

### **Linda Hill Estate**

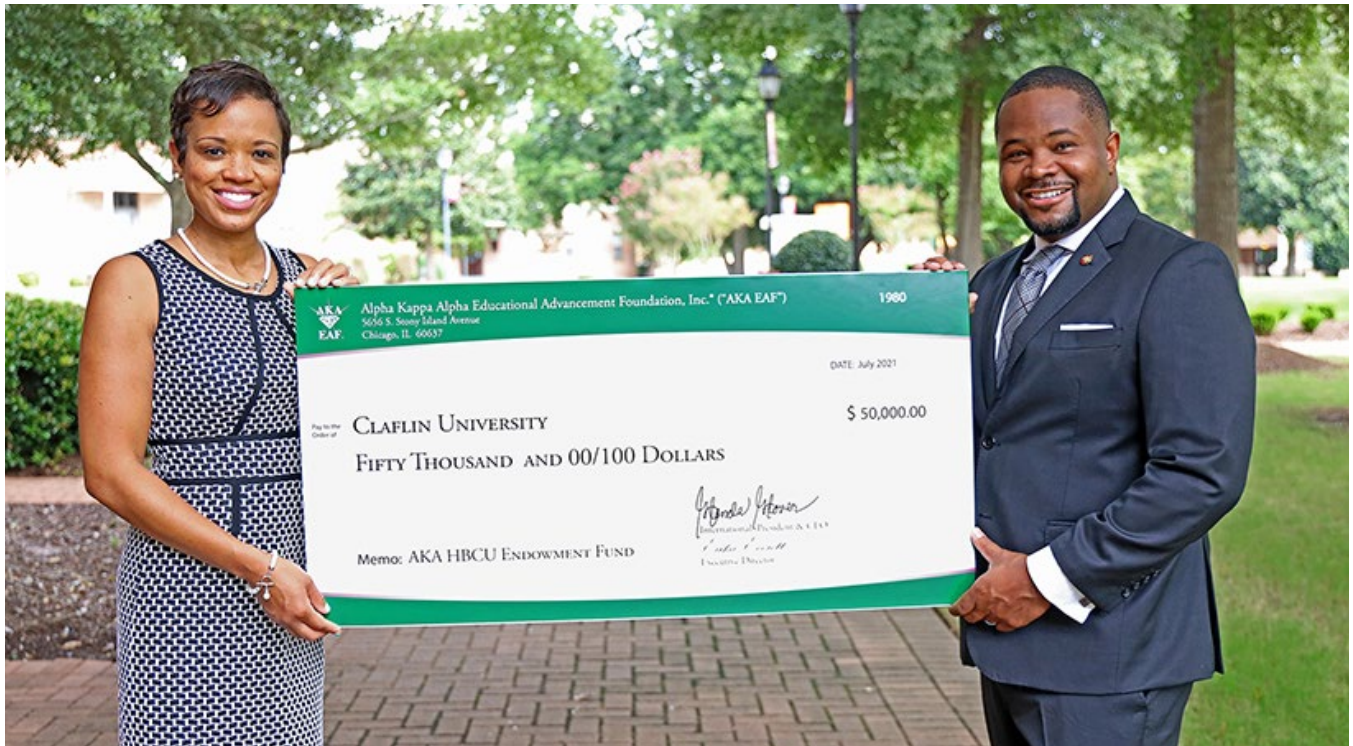
**\$350,000**

Endowment supporting student scholarships.

### **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

**\$50,000**

Provide scholarships and other financial support for students through an endowment.















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