

# CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY



## Why Claflin University?

Claflin University is a historically black university (HBCU) located in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It was founded in 1869 with financial support from Lee Claflin, a prominent Methodist layman of Boston, and his son, William Claflin, the governor of Massachusetts. In the same year that Claflin was founded, Governor Claflin signed the Boston University Charter. Today, Claflin maintains a strong relationship with both The United Methodist Church and with Boston University. The two colleges have a formal student exchange agreement and consider themselves “sister schools.”

- **Number of Students** – 2,118
- **Applications & Acceptance Rates** – 9,387 applicants with an acceptance rate of 42 percent
- **Cost of tuition, room and board for the 2017-18 year** – Undergraduate programs: \$25,540. Tuition for graduate programs: \$584 per credit hour. Tuition for professional and continuing studies programs: \$540 per credit hour; Tuition for online programs: \$541 per credit hour.
- **Placement after graduation** – The placement rate is 83 percent: 29 percent of graduates attend graduate school and 75.7 percent join the workforce upon graduation.
- **Student Demographic**—Students come from 26 states, 15 foreign countries, and 45 South Carolina counties.
- **Financial position** – Looking only at the past 10 years, Claflin has operated with a balanced budget with no material findings in its annual audits.
- **Fundraising** – Claflin has successfully completed a \$100 million Capital Campaign raising over \$105 million in the process during the economic downturn!
- **Accreditation** – The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a Level III institution through 2022. Four of its programs - Business, Chemistry, Education and Music - are nationally accredited by their appropriate accreditation boards.
- **Professors** - 83 percent of professors hold a terminal degree. Claflin University faculty members have received the South Carolina Governor’s Professor of the Year Award twice, and on two additional occasions, faculty members were finalists for the award. The institution’s faculty have also won other major awards including the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science Awareness, The United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education Educator of the Year, the Millennium Professor of the Year and the American Cancer Society Minority Researcher of the Year. Two Claflin faculty have also won the prestigious NSF Career Award.
- **Student-Faculty Ratio** – 13:1 which allows for smaller classes and positive faculty-student relationships.
- **Board of Trustees** – The Board is represented by a diverse body of leaders from virtually all sectors of society with expertise and experience essential to forwarding the mission of the University.
- **President of the University** – Dr. Henry N. Tisdale received an undergraduate degree from Claflin University, a Master’s degree from Temple University and a Master’s and a Doctorate from Dartmouth College. He has been President since 1994.
- **Alumni Involvement** – 52 percent of alumni contributed to Claflin last year, placing it first among HBCU’s.
- **National Rankings** – *US News and World Report* ranks Claflin 9<sup>th</sup> among all HBCU’s in the U.S. and in 2016 the University was named HBCU of the Year by *HBCU Digest*. For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the institution was included in the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and was also listed in the top 15 percent among all U.S. Institutions of higher education by *Forbes.com*. The institution is also included in the Princeton Review’s *Guide to 361 Green Colleges: 2016 Edition*.
- **Major Partners** - Claflin is a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Partner Site and has been recently awarded a Career Pathways Initiative grant by the Lilly Endowment.

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