

Alumni giving at Claflin University sets national black college standard

Whittaker V. Middleton, Claflin University's vice president of institutional advancement, had just gotten off the road from a trip to Atlanta – but he wasn't tired. He

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Between 2013 and 2015, Claflin was one of only four HBCUs whose alumni give at at least a 30 percent clip, along with Spelman, Lane and Bennett. All four of the schools are private and Spelman and Bennett are all-women's colleges.

Here were the top 10 schools during that period, based on the U.S. News study:

1. Claflin (47.7 percent)
2. Spelman College (39.3 percent)
3. Bennett College (35 percent)
4. Lane College (32.9 percent)
5. Fisk University (22.8 percent)
6. Tougaloo College (18.7 percent)
7. Tuskegee University (18.3 percent)
8. Johnson C. Smith (17.4 percent)
9. Xavier University (16.7 percent)
10. Hampton University (15.2 percent)

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution visited Claflin and talked to its alumni about why they give to get a better sense of the college's mission as part of the newspaper's three-part series on HBCUs.

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