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# 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 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 now the **#1 choice** for students of color in Delaware.



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

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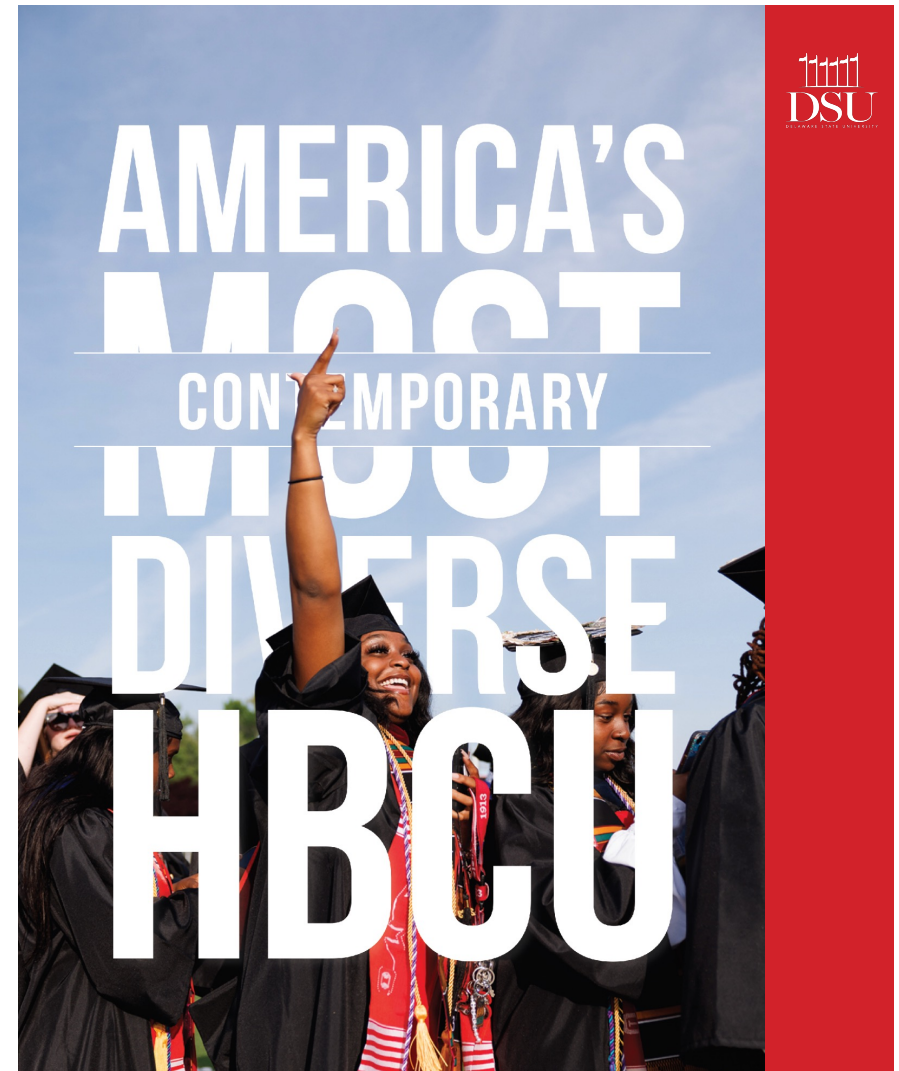
**OVERALL #9 PUBLIC**  
CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN:  
Social Mobility | Undergraduate Teaching  
Innovation | Graduation | Retention



# Highlights/KPIs from a Historic 2024

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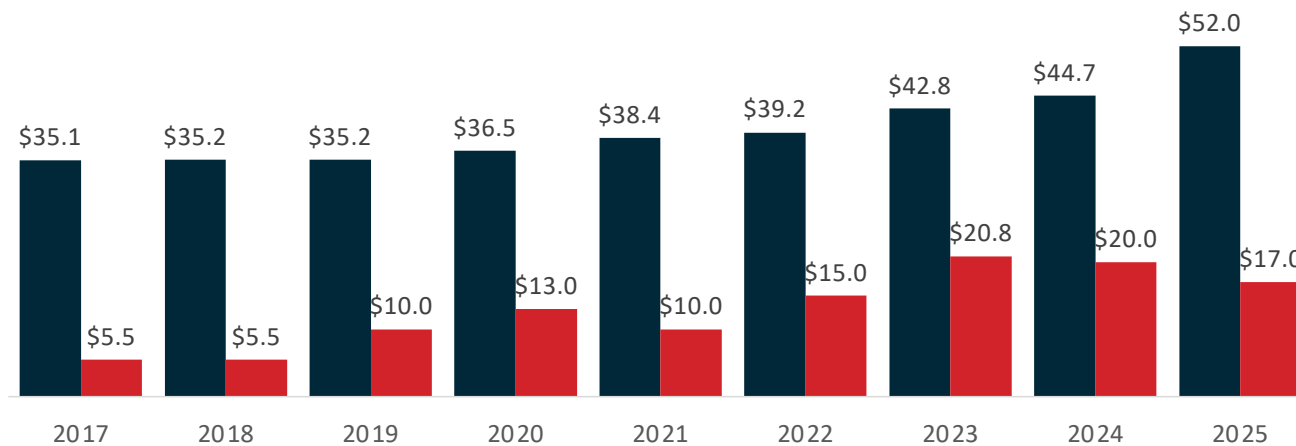
- Inspire Scholarship captured **75%** of all new, full-time first-year Delaware students.
- **71%** of students are Pell grant eligible.
- **70%** of students graduate with work-based learning.
- **91%** of faculty now have terminal degrees.
- Early College School now serves **583** students.
- Two new academic buildings in the construction phase – ECIC to open **May 2025**.



# An Increasing Commitment from the State of Delaware

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

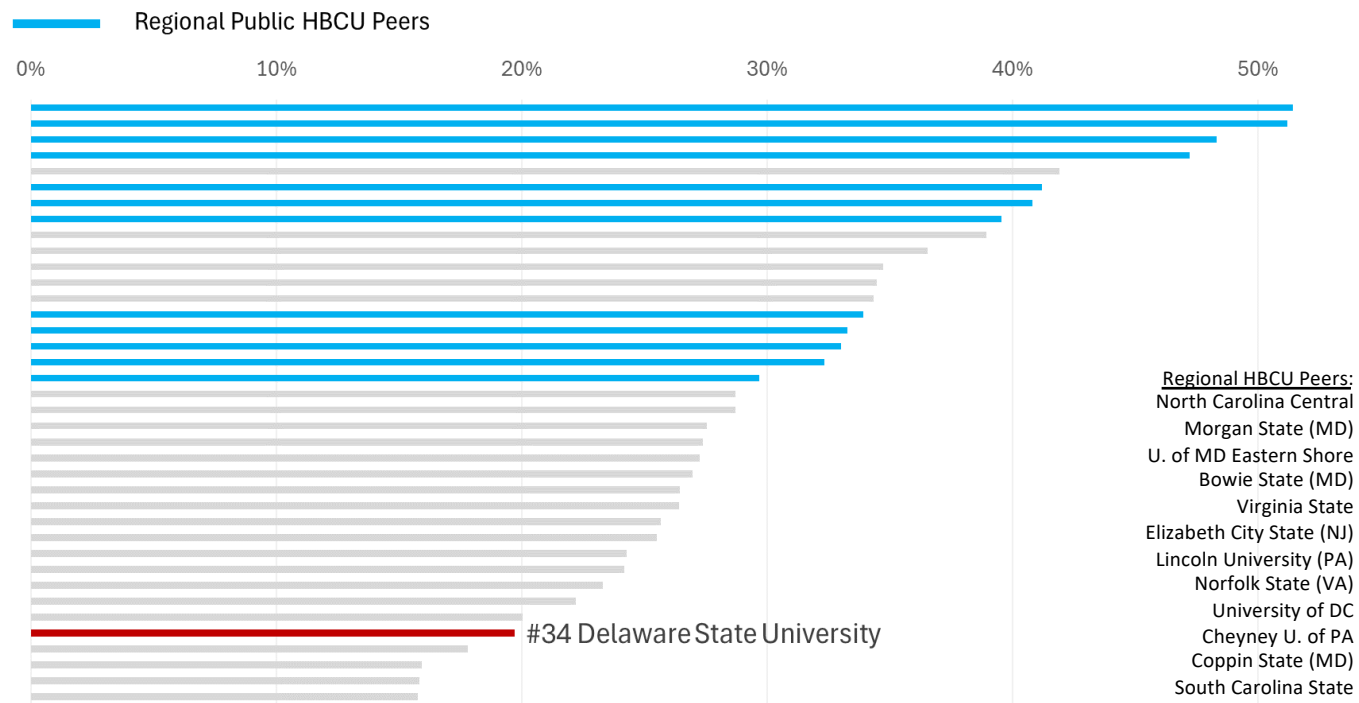
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# DSU's level of state funding falls far behind other public HBCUs.



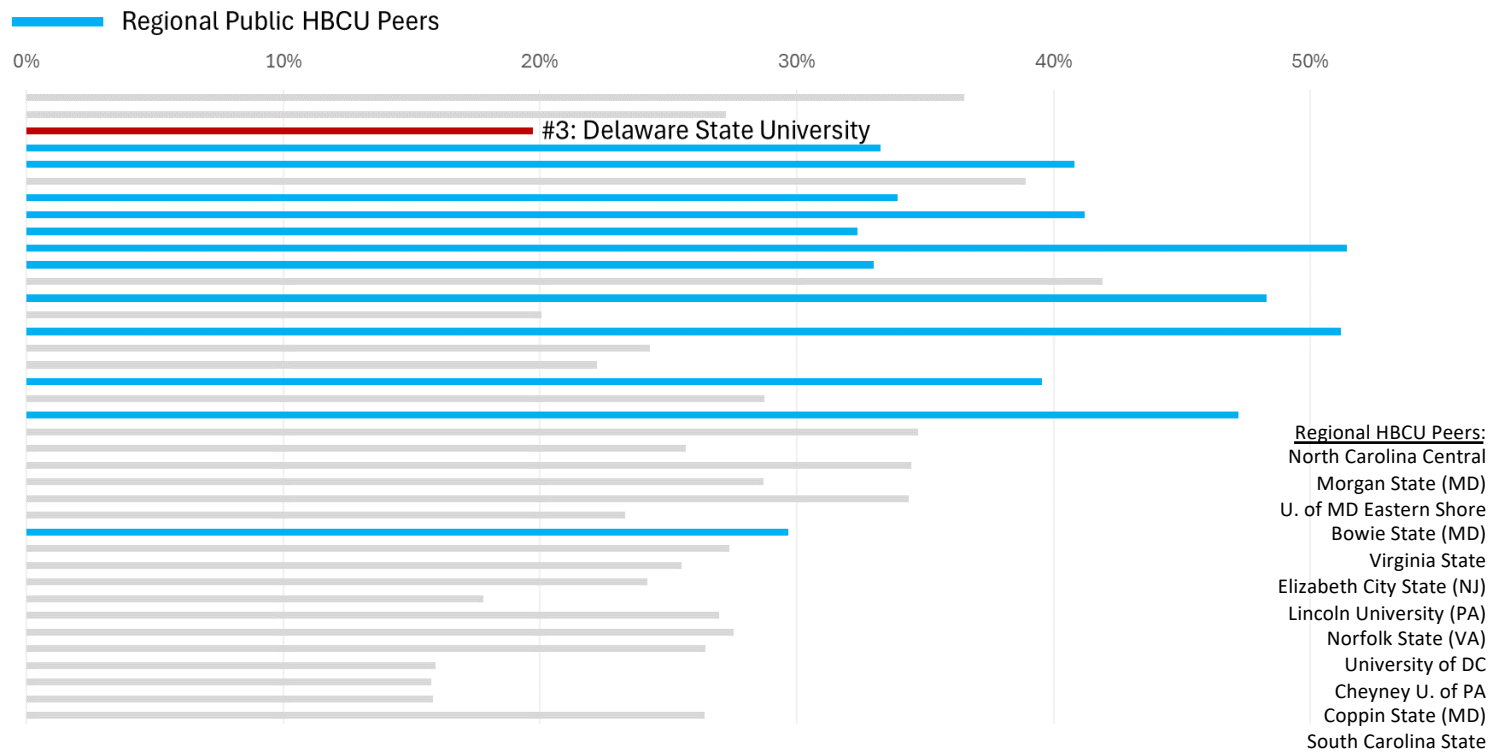
State Appropriations as % of Core Revenues: Public HBCUs



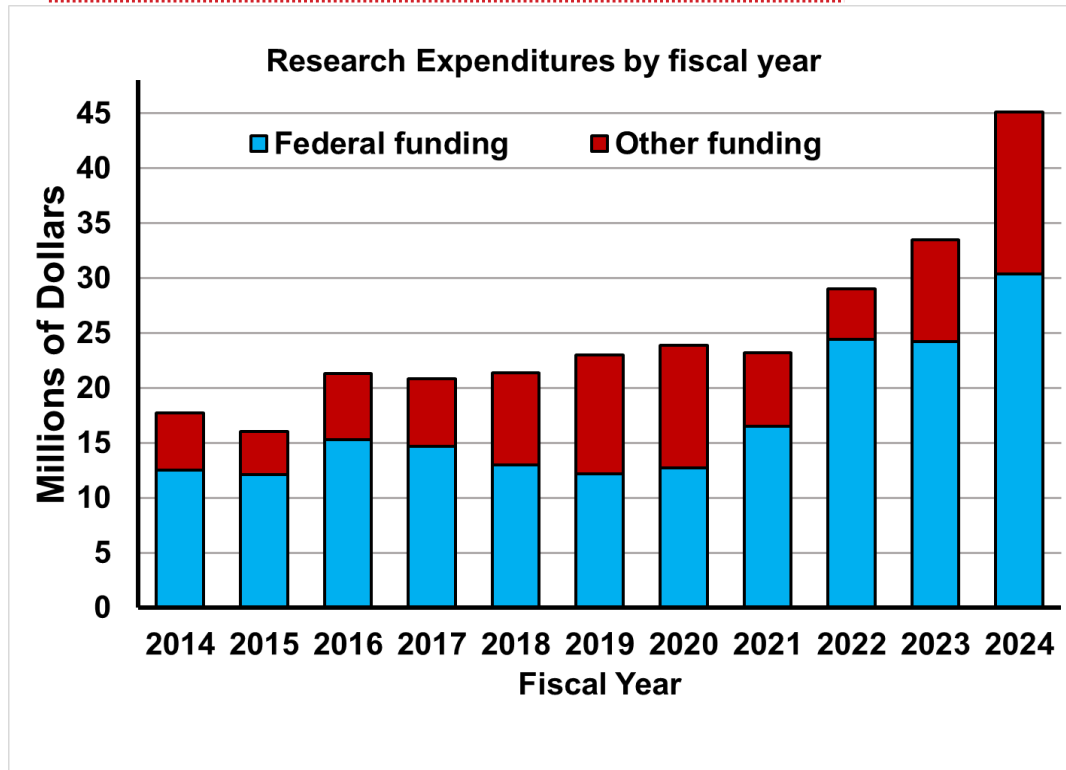
# ...And DSU is Doing More with Less



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



# Largest Research Portfolio in University History



The trend in DSU's overall research grant awards and research expenditures. The chart shows the growth in DSU research expenditures. These numbers exclude COVID-19 relief funds and show the strong growth since 2015.

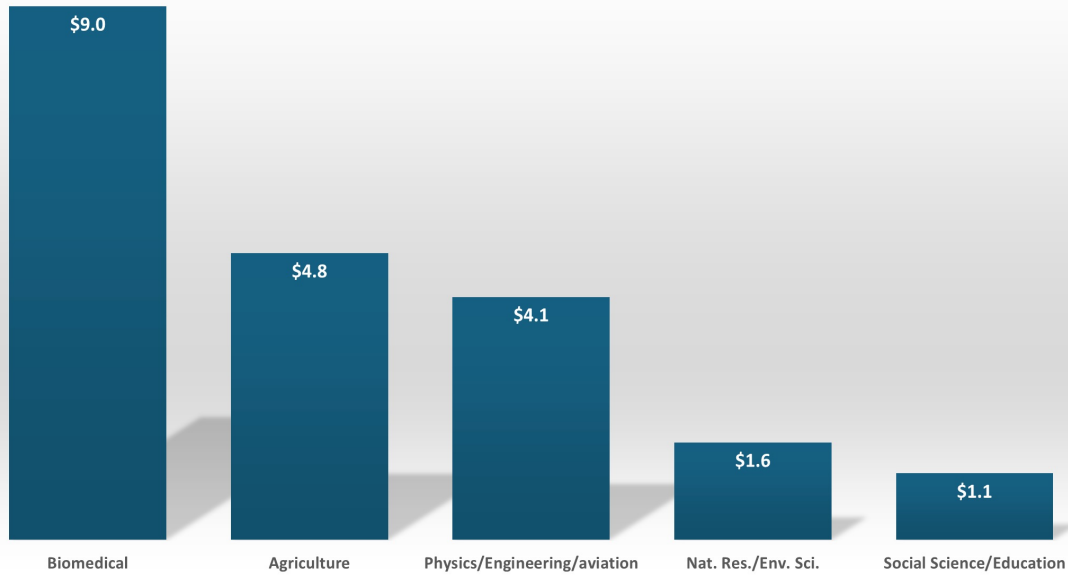




# Biomedical Research Leads the Way

Growing research focuses on biomedical, agricultural, and business areas as well as outreach to underserved and minority communities.

FY24 Research Expenditures in MM



The trend in DSU's overall research grant awards and research expenditures. The chart shows federal funding supporting research and academic programs. These numbers exclude COVID-19 relief funds.



# DSU Graduates at Work: Strengthening Delaware's Workforce

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## PINAR HEBIP '24



Major: Elementary Education,  
Minor: Special Education  
GPA: 3.89  
Employment: 4th Grade Teacher,  
Old State Elementary School

## KERDINE THOMAS '23



Major: Early Childhood Education  
GPA: 3.87  
Employment: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher,  
Capital School District

## TIONNE HENSON '22



Major: Nursing  
GPA: 4.0  
Employment: Christiana Care Hospital

## PATRICIA ANDERSON-HENRY '22



Major: Nursing  
GPA: 3.56  
Employment: Christiana Care Hospital



# Early College School

10 years



- **10 years of excellence** since the school opened
- **93% daily attendance rate**
- **7 graduating classes**
- **535 graduates** from ECS High School since 2018
- **95.39% graduation rate**—well above state and national averages
- **\$53 million** in scholarships awarded
- **14,167 college credits** earned by ECS students
- **67%** of graduates continued their education at Delaware State University
- **\$47,000** saved in higher education debt



# FY 2026 Operating Budget Requests

Delaware State University	
FY 2025 Base	\$52,047.7
<i>Base Adjustment:</i>	
<b>Operations</b>	
Personnel Contingency	\$2,043.4
<i>Enhancements:</i>	
<b>Operations</b>	
Operations Support	\$10,000.0
Master in Physician Assistant Studies	\$896.5
Master of Clinical and School Psychology	\$876.5
<b>Total FY 2026 Requests:</b>	<b>\$11,773.0</b>
Total FY 2026 Requested Budget:	<b>\$65,864.1</b>
% INCREASE	26.5%
% INCREASE w/o Contingency	22.6%

# Growing Revenue Gap

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Federal COVID relief funds helped fill this gap for several years, but the University cannot sustain this high level of performance without increased operating support.



## Enrollment Growth

Enrollment has grown 25 percent from FY 20 to FY 25, bucking broader higher ed trends and outpacing state support.



## Rising Costs

With high inflation and rising costs for several years, tuition, fees and public funding at its current levels do not cover the University's costs.



## Wesley College Acquisition

Historic acquisition of Wesley College has provided critical value to the University, City, County and State, but has also increased both short and long-term costs.

# No Single Solution

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In addition to this request, the University has also taken these steps:



Successfully Grown  
Fundraising



Managed  
Operational Growth



Increased Tuition &  
Housing Rates

# Delaware State University - Driving Success Through Private Partnerships

**Agilent/DSU collaboration strengthens with \$250k gift at Scholarship Ball**



**\$300K Gift from Barclays to Support Virtual Airport Innovation Lab**



**DSU Works with Partners to Increase Diversity in STEM**



# Big Moments at DSU

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- Hosted the inauguration of Governor Matt Meyer and Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay – the *first time* such an event was hosted at an **Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**.
- Hired and introduced **NFL Legend DeSean Jackson** as the new Head Football Coach at DSU.





*Thank You*