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### **Talladega College Among The Princeton Review's 2019 'Best Colleges'**

Talladega, AL (August 10, 2019) - Talladega College is one of the best colleges in the Southeast according to The Princeton Review, which features Talladega in the 2019 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 384 Colleges*.

To create the guide, The Princeton Review surveyed 138,000 college students across the nation on a variety of issues, including administration, campus life, and financial aid. Talladega's commitment to academic excellence; wealth of great departments and majors; outstanding faculty; small class sizes; and close-knit student body were among the factors mentioned by students who participated in the survey.

"Talladega has promoted academic excellence for over 150 years, and we are extremely honored to be featured in *The Best 384 Colleges*," said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins. "This is a great season for our institution. Our new state-of-the-art, 45,000-square-foot residence hall will open soon. In addition, we are constructing a 47,000-square-foot student center and a new museum to house our critically acclaimed Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which are valued at \$50 million. We are also launching our first-ever graduate program, an online master of science in computer information systems."

*The Best 384 Colleges* notes that Talladega students use the adjectives "determined," "focused," "friendly," "hardworking," "well spoken," "outgoing," and "fun" to describe their classmates. Survey results also indicate that Talladega College students have "school spirit" and strive "to become the leaders of tomorrow." As one student stated, "We treat each other as a family, aiming to make sure each person succeeds." Another classmate said, "Knowing that people here have your back through anything and support your every move is a great thing."

Talladega students also gave high marks to their professors, referring to them as "outstanding" and "supportive." They applauded their professors for "always willing to go out of their way" to make sure students understand the material covered. Students added that Talladega College instructors challenge students "because they want to see [them] succeed in life."

For over 25 years, The Princeton Review has provided college resources for parents and students.

### **About Talladega College**

The oldest private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from *The New York Times* during a three-year, eight-museum tour.