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### **Vote for Miss Talladega to be featured in *Ebony* magazine**



(Talladega, AL) Vote for Miss Talladega College Licole Bursey, a senior computer science major from East St. Louis, IL and Cahokia, IL, to be featured in *Ebony* magazine's HBCU Campus Queens Edition. Only the top ten winners will be highlighted, so students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the College are encouraged to support Licole by voting at:

[www.ebony.com/campusqueens-2018/contestant/talladega-college](http://www.ebony.com/campusqueens-2018/contestant/talladega-college)

You may vote as many times as you like each day, but the competition ends at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2018, so don't delay!

Licole is a member of the Presidential Honor Society and the founder of Sister Circle and the Mr. and Miss Empowerment scholarship pageant. She is also a member of the Computer Science Club and We Got Next Girl's Basketball. She hopes to motivate and encourage more women to consider pursuing degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields.

Licole is pictured with Mr. Talladega College 2018-2019 Phillip Thompson, a criminal justice major from Chicago, IL and Louisville, KY. Phillip was recently named a 2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). He is a member of the Presidential Honor Society; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc; the American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon; the Crimson Ambassadors; and the Black Gentlemen Coalition. He served as the 2017-2018 Vice President of the Student Government Association and he is currently an intern with Dortch Law Offices.



*Members of the Royal Court are Mr. and Miss Freshman Jarrett Silmon and Zuleia Harris, Mr. and Miss Sophomore Armani Cunningham and Andrea Bland, Mr. and Miss Junior Tahlik Betts and Stashia Page, and Mr. and Miss Senior Schalal Adolphe and Mercedes Gillon-Gantt.*

### **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.