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BIG MOVES

President's Presentation | 2024

President & CEO

TERRANCE A.
FORD, PHD



“We will always be the posterity of Southern Bible. But do not misperceive us as ‘leftovers’ of a bygone era or a ‘new creation’ detached from it’s history. Instead, see us as a purposeful remnant, graciously chosen and destined to be a citadel of hope and promise for the future”

— Quote from one of Dr. Ford's *Presidential Chapel* messages during the spring 2024 semester

BIG MOVE

NAME CHANGE

- MISSION REVISION**
- INFRASTRUCTURE REFINEMENT**

THE CASE FOR RENAMING SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE & COLLEGE IS ROOTED IN THE INSTITUTION'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AND DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN ITS HISTORY OF DELIBERATE NAME CHANGES.

DALLAS COLORED BIBLE SCHOOL (1927-1937)

Our Origin Story: In 1927, Reverend L. G. Foster, Sr., then employed as an elevator operator at the Magnolia Building in Downtown Dallas, recounted the genesis of our institution as follows:

“I was walking down Elm Street and I saw some white men who were there at Stone Place. They were preaching and I had never heard the Bible preached so profoundly. I waited and listened. I wanted to know where they had gotten so much knowledge about the Bible. They told me that they were from Evangelical Theological College [now Dallas Theological Seminary]. I knew that I couldn’t attend that school because I was colored, but I asked them if they would teach me. Finally, after many days of listening and much persistence, they introduce me to Mr. Edmond H. Ironside, who was also a student of the college and owned a bookstore.”

Edmond Ironside agreed to work with L. G. Foster and they became good friends. Impressed by Ironside's teachings, Foster soon encouraged other African-American preachers to join their study group. Thus, Dallas Colored Bible School was born, marking the inception of our beloved college.

SOUTHERN BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL (1937-1976)

The first name change is documented on the original Articles of Incorporation filed with the Texas Secretary of State in 1937.

SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE (1976-2017)

This name change was officially filed with the Texas Secretary of State in 1976 and came into use at that time. However, the name change was not amended in the Articles of Incorporation until 2009.

SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE & COLLEGE (2017-PRESENT)

On October 18, 2017, the Board of Directors voted to add ‘& *College*’ to the name and implemented it into public use in 2018. This change was officially filed with the Texas Secretary of State in 2019.

WHY CHANGE THE NAME?

CHANGING OUR NAME FROM SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE & COLLEGE IS A VITAL STRATEGIC DECISION FOR SEVERAL COMPELLING REASONS:

01

FRESH BRANDING AS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE

A name change is a significant indicator of our new status as an accredited college.

02

MISSION EXPANSION

A new name will better accommodate the college's expanded mission beyond its historical scope.

03

ATTRACTION OF A YOUNGER, MODERN STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC

A less limiting and timeless name is crucial in attracting younger students and those seeking a modern and accommodating educational experience.

04

EXPANDABILITY TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS

A name that transcends regional and era-specific boundaries, providing better adaptability for national and international expansion.

05

LESSENS FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

Changing the name can potentially reduce obstacles to funding by addressing several key aspects that often influence donor perceptions and funding opportunities.

06

CLEAR DISTINCTION FROM "INSTITUTE" LEVEL EDUCATION

Removing 'Institute' from the name will distinguish our core undergraduate programs from other non-collegiate level training opportunities.

07

SHORTENING THE LENGTH OF OUR NAME

A shorter name is easier to remember, pronounce, and incorporate into promotional and marketing materials.

TO SUMMARIZE:

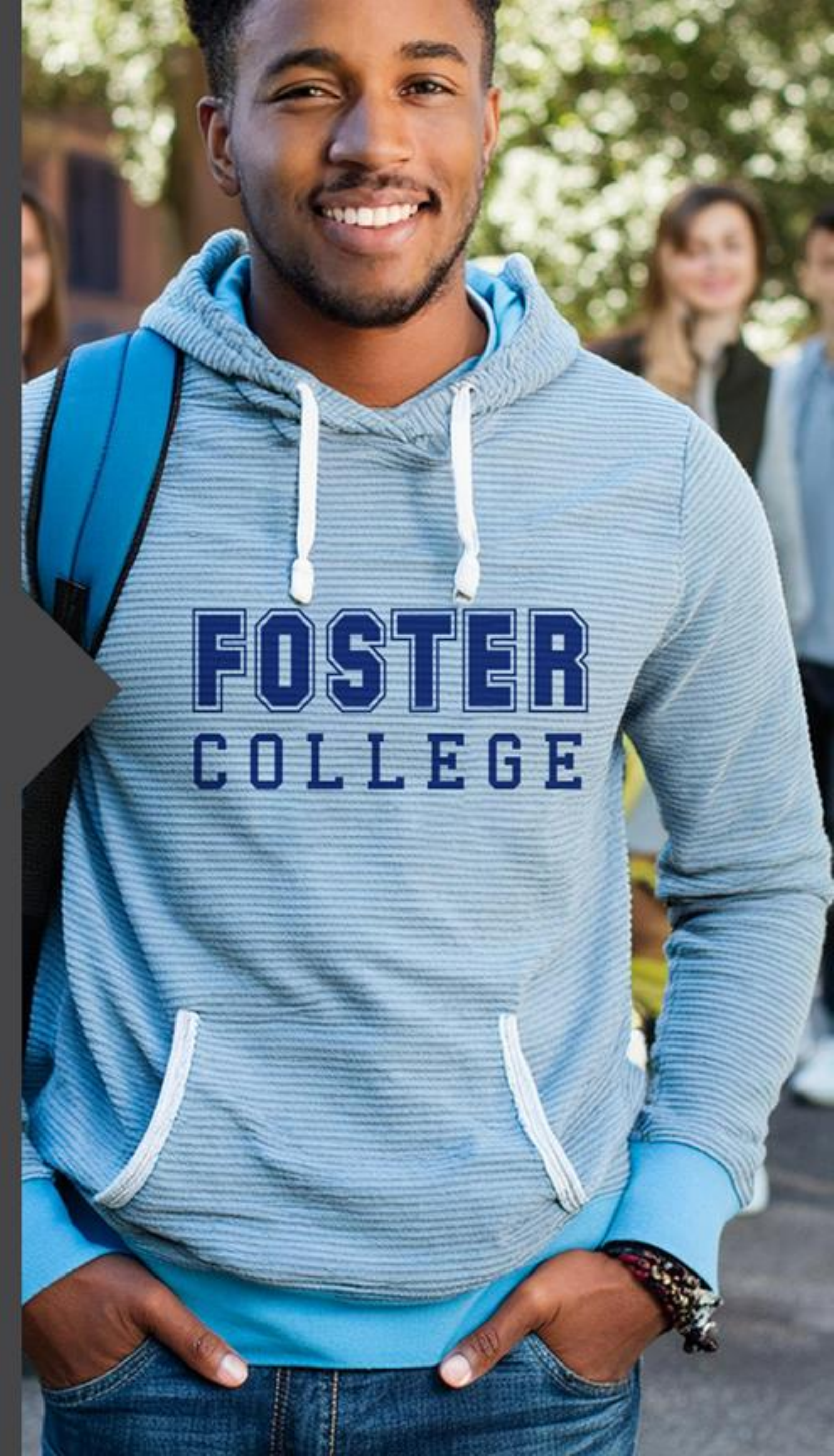
THE DECISION TO CHANGE OUR COLLEGE'S NAME OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RE-PRESENT OUR SELF, BROADEN OUR INFLUENCE, AND ALIGN MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR EXPANDED MISSION AND GOALS. YET, THIS STRATEGIC MOVE REAFFIRMS THE DEDICATION TO OUR VALUES, HISTORY, AND ORIGINAL ASPIRATIONS. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL RESONATE POSITIVELY WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS. MAINLY, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS CHANGE WILL STIMULATE FURTHER GROWTH AND CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

So, after extensive prayer, deliberation, and discussions with numerous stakeholders—including students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, academic and advancement advisors, as well as the family of the late L. G. Foster, Sr.,— it is hereby recommended to the Board of Directors that Southern Bible Institute & College be officially and legally renamed:

FOSTER COLLEGE

This new name pays respectful homage to the legacy and resilience of a humble, unassuming African-American preacher whose commitment to being an learned steward of the Gospel has steadfastly reverberated for nearly a century.

The name 'Foster College' sufficiently addresses the multiple reasons noted for renaming the college. It also maintains an important historic link to the college's beginning while allowing for unbounded growth, innovation, and impact.





Current mission of SBIC:

Equipping men and women to be competent servant leaders with a Bible-centered worldview.

MISSION RE-STATED

*Proposed Revised
Mission Statement DRAFT:*

The mission of Foster College is to

EDUCATE MEN AND WOMEN TO LIVE

AND LEAD AS GODLY INFLUENCERS WITH A

BIBLE-CENTERED WORLDVIEW—IN THE CHURCH,

COMMUNITY, MARKETPLACE, AND WORLD.



REMEMBERING THE ROAD WE TROD

WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTEEMING THE LONGSTANDING NAME OF OUR INSTITUTION AND THOSE WHO MATRICULATED UNDER ITS BANNER. THEREFORE, THE SOUTHERN BIBLE LEGACY CHAPTER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE FORMED FOR CONTINUED CELEBRATION OF ITS LEGACY AND SUPPORTING OF ITS PROGENY—FOSTER COLLEGE.

RE-IMAGING ROLLOUT

IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY PREPARE AND FULLY TRANSITION INTO THIS NEW ITERATION OF OUR COLLEGE, MULTIPLE YEARS OF ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN OUTLINED, LEADING INTO AND BEYOND OUR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.



2024

**Recommend New College Name:
June 2024**

Afterwhich - Formally gather feedback from a focus group of current stakeholders and prospective beneficiaries.

**Approve New College Name:
September 2024**

Afterwhich - Prepare filings for name change; draft revisions: to mission statement, articles of incorporation, bylaws, etc, and college seal; file change with Secretary of State; soft roll-out name change to stakeholders.

2025

**New Name Effective Date:
July 1, 2025**

Afterwhich - Inform other government, accreditation, and necessary entities of name change; Open new business and bank accounts etc.; hard roll-out name change to public.

2026

**"Great Gathering" Stakeholders Event:
May 2026**

At this event - Delegate participants will assist in determining the new college's: colors, logo, mascot, alma mater, special tradition(s), etc.; First class to graduate under new name.

2027

**Centennial Anniversary:
Jan - Dec 2027**

Celebrate 100th Anniversary unveiling new: presidential medallion, mace, paraphernalia, etc.

2028

**Accreditation Reaffirmation:
Feb 2028**

Have accreditation reaffirmed for 10 years under new name



FOSTER
COLLEGE
EST. 1927

◦ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

HIGHER EDUCATION ◦

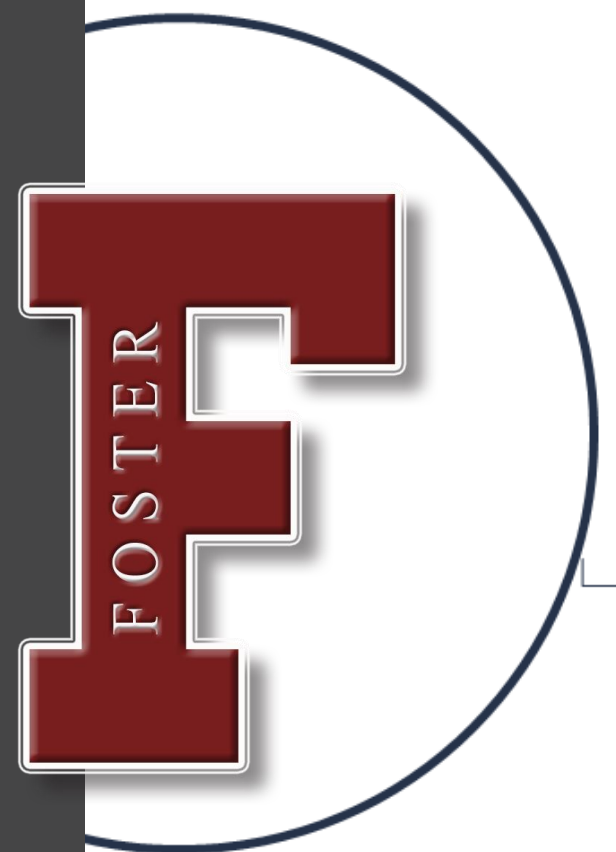
REFINED INFRASTRUCTURE

FOSTER COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE ITS HISTORICALLY FAITH-BASED LEARNER POPULATION WHILE MEETING THE 21ST-CENTURY BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS OF ITS EXPANDING STUDENT POPULATION. TO BEST FULFILL THIS COMMITMENT, THE COLLEGE'S INFRASTRUCTURE IS EXTENDED INTO TWO DISTINCT ARMS: **1) HIGHER EDUCATION** AND **2) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**.

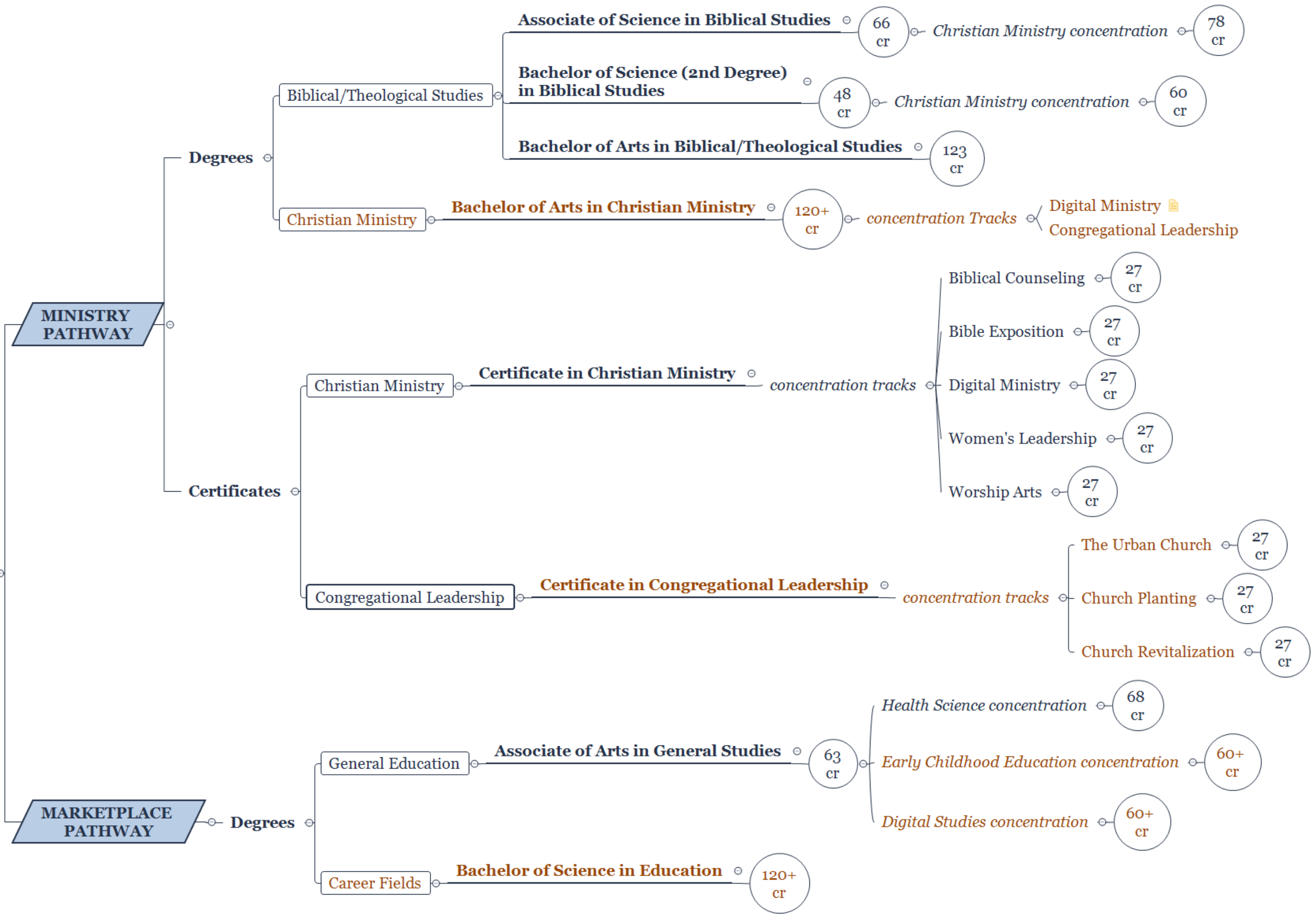
HIGHER EDUCATION

remains the primary focus and mission-driven purpose of the College. We exist to provide quality biblical higher education through accredited curricula and programs.

- **MINISTRY PATHWAY** is the historical path for students pursuing an accredited college education in Biblical/Theological studies or a specific area of Christian vocational ministry.

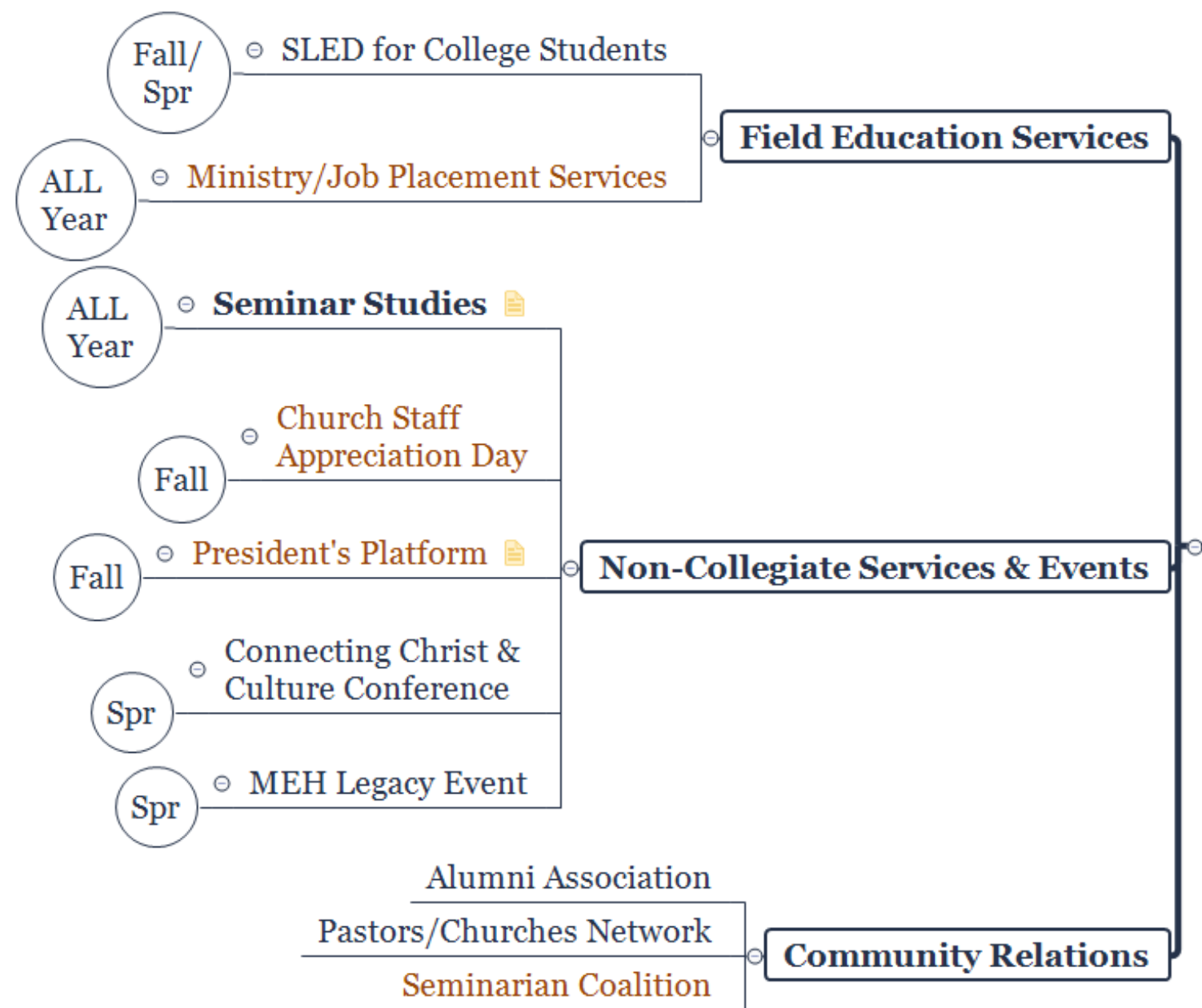


HIGHER EDUCATION



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- **MARKETPLACE PATHWAY** is a newer educational route designed for Christian students seeking a quality post-secondary, faith-enriched, career-focused accredited degree.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT is the secondary arm that supports the college's mission towards community and local church lay-level impact through faith-enriched field education, non-collegiate education, and continuing education opportunities. The community engagement activities of the college are facilitated through the MARTIN E. HAWKINS CENTER FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP (MEHCSL).

Special Note:

Seminar Studies will serve as the new rendition of the current Institute 'Diploma' program. These seminars will be extended education courses that use innovative stackable and micro-credential models. These educational approaches offer flexible, modular, and targeted learning experiences, designed to meet the evolving needs of 21st-century learners and employers' requirements for continued education and professional development.



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HBCU DESIGNATION

FOSTER COLLEGE PROUDLY MEETS THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS TO BE DISTINGUISHED AS A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (HBCU) BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDE).

ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO 1965 TO PROVIDE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TO AFRICAN AMERICANS, WE ARE NOW ACCREDITED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION (ABHE)—A RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING BODY. SEEKING THIS OFFICIAL DESIGNATION IS A MOST WORTHY PURSUIT FOR SEVERAL COMPELLING REASONS.

WHY BECOME AN HBCU?

HBCU

SCHOOLS MATTER

OUR EDUCATIONAL ROOTS ARE HISTORICAL

01

ADVANCE MISSION AND GOALS

Recognition as an HBCU can elevate the college's profile, honoring its historical role in African-American education and commitment to our mission.

02

ENHANCE REPUTATION AND VISIBILITY

HBCU status can attract a more diverse student body and faculty, further enriching the academic and cultural environment.

03

COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI SUPPORT

Increases alumni pride and engagement, potentially leading to more substantial community contributions and involvement.

04

ACCESS SPECIAL FUNDING

Eligibility for federal programs specifically designed to support HBCUs, can enhance institutional resources for infrastructure, academic programs, and student services.

How many HBCUs are there in the U.S.?



107

The estimated number of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in the United States

>228,000

The estimated number of students enrolled in HBCUs.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

Research.com

As of 2024, there are 107 recognized HBCUs in the US. *Our aim is to be 108!*

How significant is the contribution of HBCUs to African American graduates?

20%

the estimated share of African American graduates produced by HBCUs

25%

of African American graduates in STEM fields produced by HBCUs



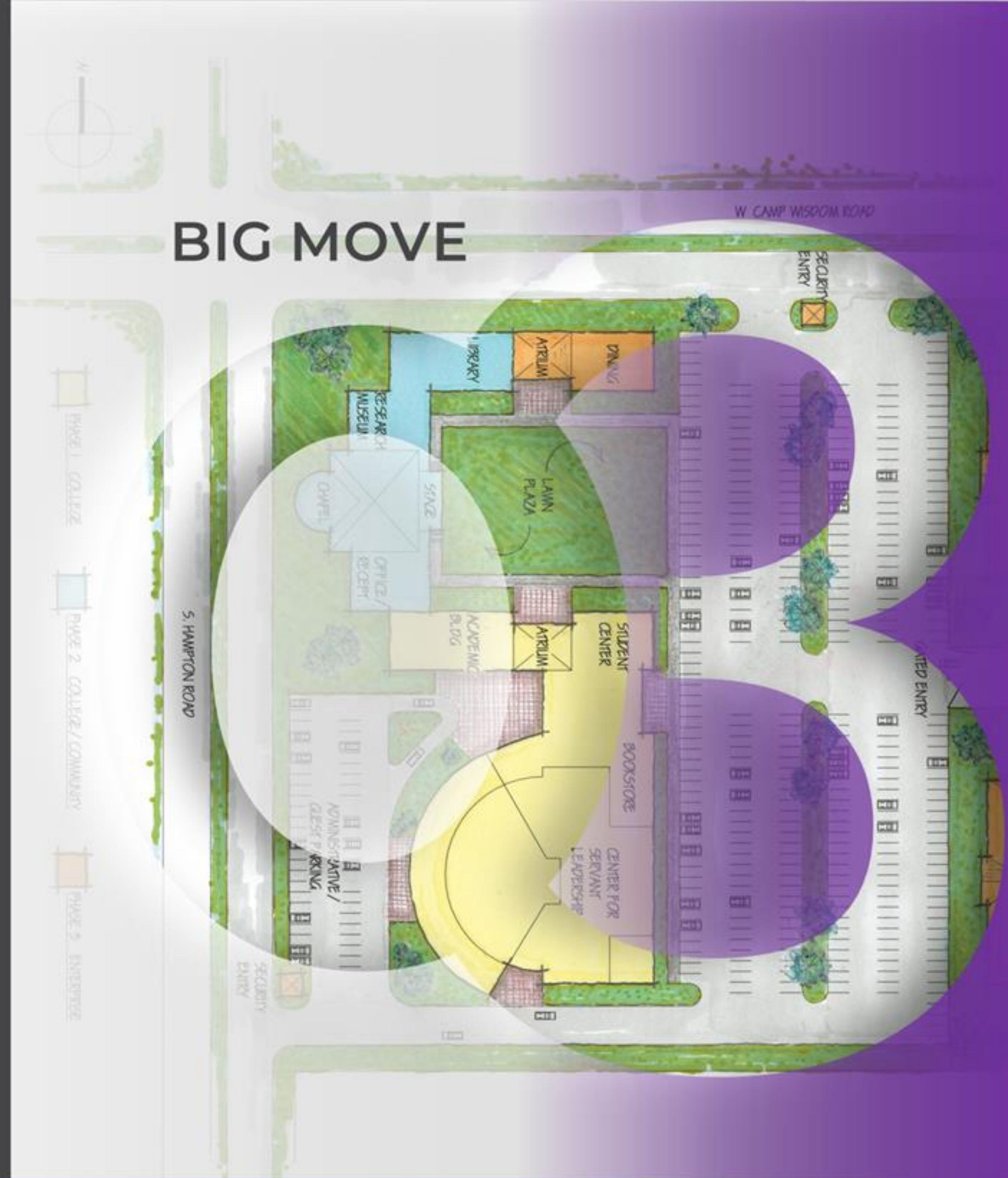
Source: Boyd A., 2022

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This statistic is important as we expand our marketplace pathway to include health sciences and digital studies.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

CAMPUS LIFE AND AESTHETICS ARE VITAL TO CREATING A VIBRANT COLLEGIATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND COLLABORATIVE SPACE FOR COMMUNITY. HENCE, APPEARANCES, AMENITIES, AND ACTIVITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO ATTRACTING POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND ENRICHING THE EXPERIENCE OF CURRENT STUDENTS.



PRIORITY FOCUSES:

- 1. Enclose Campus Perimeter
- 2. Improve Landscape and Green Space for Outdoor Activities
- 3. Renovate Public Facing Areas, Classrooms and Offices
- 4. Upgrade Technology for Distant Education

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THANK YOU

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEXT BIG MOVES WE ARE CONSIDERING FOR OUR COLLEGE.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THESE PLANS. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MORE MINUTES TO COMPLETE A FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT.

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BIGGER GOD**