



The HBCU Digital Library Trust

A collaborative initiative building capacity with HBCUs to digitally preserve and provide global access to archival resources.

What We Will Achieve

Over four years, the HBCU Digital Library Trust will implement initiative goals with **trust** and **integrity**, in concert with and in the best interest of each contributing institution. We will significantly increase digitization of archival resources documenting the history and culture of Historically Black Colleges and Universities through creation and utilization of HBCU digitization hubs. Further, the HBCU Digital Library Trust will expand the existing HBCU Digital Collection for broadened discoverability and access.

Expenses for digitization and approved shipping and supplies are covered by the Trust.

Why Contribute?

HBCU Collaboration



- Support scholarship, teaching, learning and knowledge production within and outside of your institution
- Increase efficiency of projects through utilization of Trust-supported HBCU Digitization Hub services
- Expand searching capabilities across network of HBCUs

Increase Digital Capacity



- Advance goals to make select archival materials publicly accessible
- Benefit from Trust-supported maintenance and sustainability of digital content management platform
- Utilize digital preservation resources supporting longevity

Retained Ownership and Rights



- Maintain ownership and applicable copyright of institution's archival resources
- Prioritize selection of materials for digitization
- Direct researchers to institution's rights statements and contact for permissions

"The collaboration with Harvard will provide an opportunity to share HBCU stories, complete the historical record, augment American history, and create new scholarship to make these very valuable stories known to a broader public."

–Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance



Celebrating the Collections of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

<https://hbcudigitallibrary.auctr.edu/>

The HBCU Digital Collection

- ➔ Currently 25 contributing institutions with capacity for all HBCUs
- ➔ Contains over 16,400 digitized archival items
- ➔ Documents mid-1800s to 2010s

Desired Formats

Photographs
 Audio visual materials
 University correspondence
 Manuscripts
 Alumni letters
 Programs
 Printed materials (student newspapers, yearbooks, bulletins)

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