



SIMMONS

COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY

EDUCATE. EXPERIENCE. EMPOWER.





WHAT IS A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY?

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are schools that were established prior to 1964 whose mission is to provide Black Americans with post-secondary education opportunities.
- HBCUs represent **3% of all colleges and universities** and graduate **25% of all Black college graduates**.
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities offer remarkable programs in a **culturally affirmative environment**.



HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES' EDUCATION IMPACT

75%

of all
Black Ph.D.s

50%

of all
Black Engineers

85%

of all
Black Doctors

50%

of all
Black Teachers



HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES' ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$14.8B

Impact on the
U.S. Economy

134,000

Job are generated
for their local and
regional economies

\$130B

Lifetime earnings
potential for
graduates.

300,000

Students are enrolled
in an HBCU. 80% of
those are Black and
70% are low-income.



HBCU ENDOWMENT REALITIES

\$5.2B

**The total combined
endowment size** of all
99 Historically Black
Colleges & Universities

\$630B

**The total combined
endowment size** of all
predominately White
institutions (PWIs)





ABOUT SIMMONS COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY

Founded in 1879 by formerly enslaved people, Simmons College of Kentucky was the first institution of higher learning for African American people in Kentucky.

Named after William J. Simmons, the school's second president, it is one of the oldest black colleges in America (older than Spelman and Kentucky State University) and is the last designated HBCU by the U.S. Department of Education in American History.



“THE MOST REMARKABLE INSTANCE OCCURRED AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, WHERE A GROUP OF UNLETTERED EX-SLAVES MET IN AN OLD BUILDING IN AUGUST (SUCCEEDING THE CLOSE OF THE WAR, IN APRIL, 1865) AND, THOUGH BEARING THE MARKS OF SLAVERY ON THEIR BODIES, AND SIMPLY KNOWING THAT A UNIVERSITY MEANT A PLACE OF LEARNING, TOOK STEPS TO BEGIN A SCHOOL WHICH GRADUALLY DEVELOPED INTO WHAT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY [NOW SIMMONS COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY], A LARGE AND FLOURISHING COLLEGE FOR COLORED PEOPLE WHICH STANDS TODAY IN LOUISVILLE, WITH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN THE HEART OF THAT CITY. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, FROM THAT EARLY TIME TILL NOW, IT HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK, NOT ALONE FOR THE COLORED RACE BUT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AND IS STILL A GREAT EDUCATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE TO A STRUGGLING PEOPLE.”

“THE LIFE & TIMES OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON”

B.F. RILEY, D.D., LL.D. (1916)



SIMMONS FACTS

95%

On-Campus
African American
Student Enrollment

94%

of Students are
Pell Grant Eligible

53%

of Students are
African American Males

76%

of Simmons graduates
are first-generation

25%

of all graduates
earn more than
\$50,000 per year

77%

of all graduates
gained employment or
went on to grad school





15 DEGREE PROGRAMS
3 SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



SIMMONS COLLEGE

Academic Programs

Associate of Arts:

- General Studies
- Religious Studies
- Teacher Education

Associate of Applied Sciences:

- Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Arts:

- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Psychology
- Business Administration
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Music Performance
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

Bachelor of Science:

- Computer Information Systems
- Teacher Education

Master of Science:

- Medical Science

Specialty Programs:

- Dual Credit
- Executive Leadership Academy
- Prison Education Program



SIMMONS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (ELA)

This program is a unique alternative to the traditional method of earning an undergraduate degree. This program serves adult learners who develop structured approaches and solutions to real-world problems. The Executive Leadership Academy is an accelerated concentration under the business entrepreneurship degree.

ELA serves adults ages 23 and older who have completed a minimum of 45 college semester hours with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or better.



OUR GOALS

Simmons College of Kentucky is uniquely positioned to embrace its unique history and mission to provide a comprehensive education that prepares graduates to be productive citizens and agents of change.

750+ STUDENTS

Simmons hopes to exceed 750 students enrolled in the Fall 2026 semester.

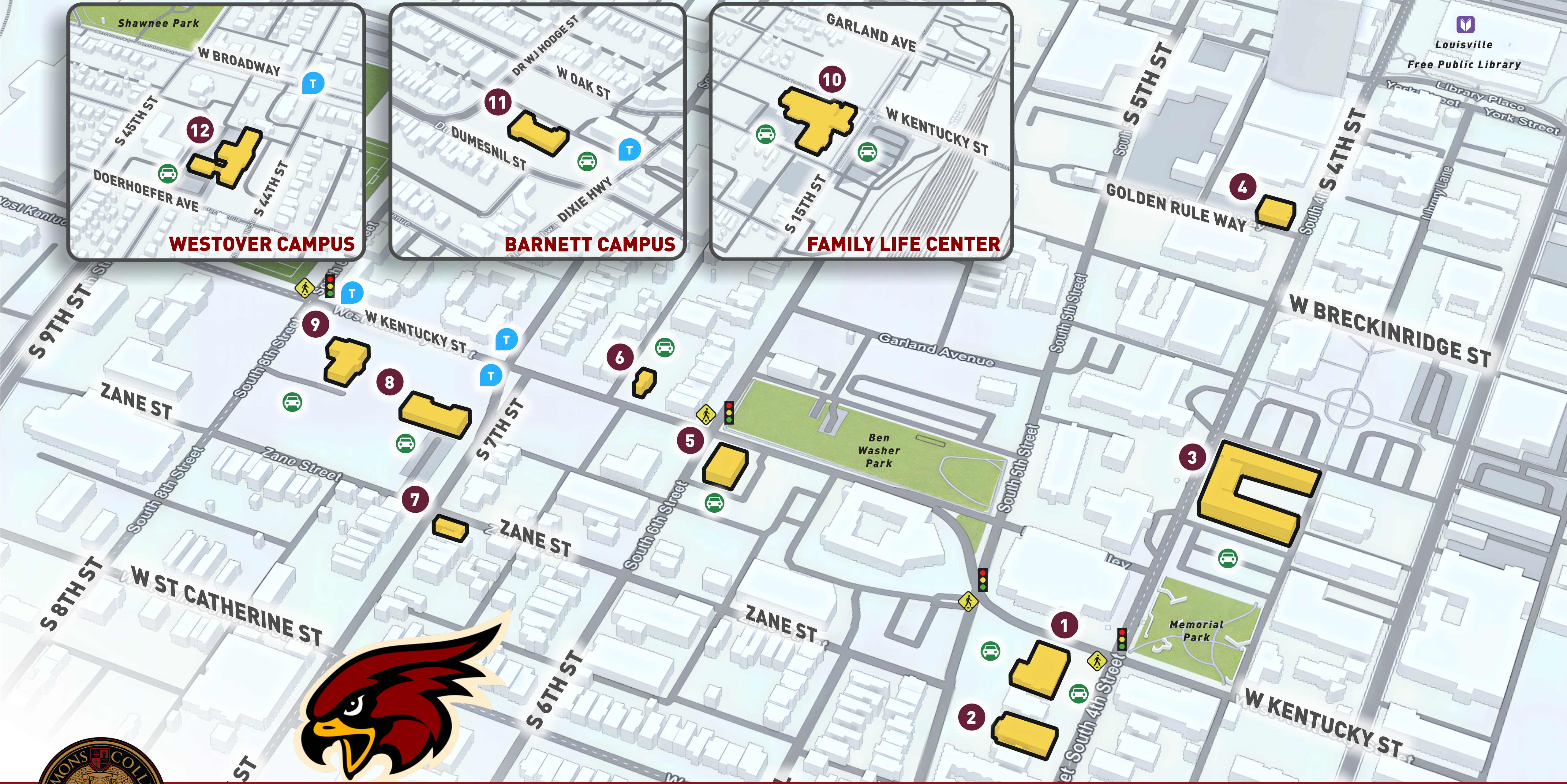
EXPAND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Simmons plans to expand upon our current degree programs.

EXPAND OUR CAMPUS

Simmons plans to add a student center, and an athletic center.





WESTOVER CAMPUS

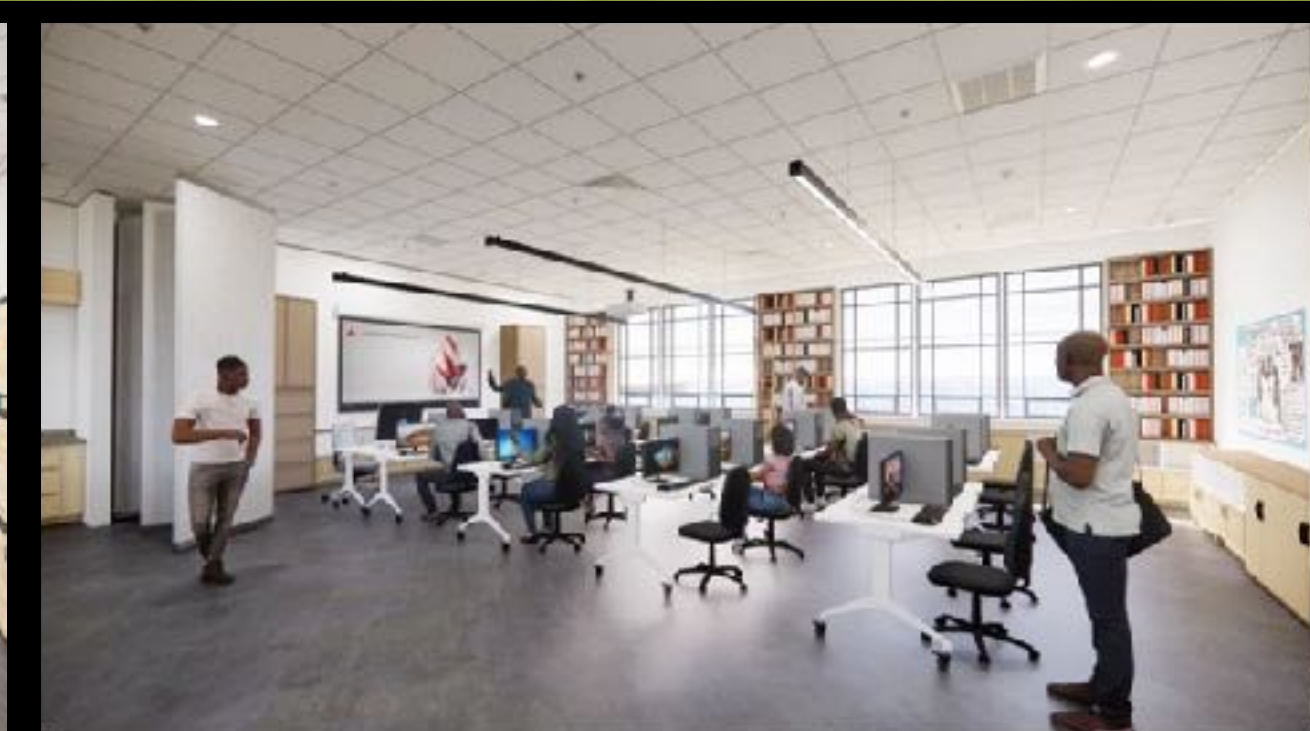
BARNETT CAMPUS

FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Louisville
Free Public Library









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