

# United Negro College Fund Keeps Opportunity Alive!

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Historically black colleges represent fewer than four percent of American colleges. Yet, they enroll 35 percent of all blacks attending four-year colleges and universities.

The 51 private, predominantly black colleges of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) serve some 15,000 students annually. Enrollment at these schools has increased more than 10 percent since 1979.

When asked why they attend a UNCF school, stu-

dents cite the high academic standard that will enable them to pursue graduate study and professional careers after graduation. They are enthusiastic about small classes and individualized attention from dedicated professors who deeply care about their students. They want to experience the unique atmosphere and special environment that only a predominantly black college offers.

These students also de-

pend on low tuition rates. The cost of attending a UNCF school is about two-thirds the tuition and expense at private colleges nationally. UNCF students, for the most part, come from low-income families. They can expect no financial help from their parents. Ninety percent of the students require scholarships and loans.

The United Negro College Fund was founded in 1944. Since then it has raised over \$400 million for its member institutions.

Christopher F. Edley is president and chief executive officer of UNCF.

In 1984, the United Negro College Fund's revenues were \$35.8 million. The funds are donated by corporations, foundations, individuals, unions, students, civic groups and many others.

Education at UNCF institutions enables graduates to make contributions in all walks of life. More than a quarter of UNCF alumni go on to graduate and professional study.

For example, at some UNCF institutions, more than 10 percent of the graduating class each year are accepted by medical and dental schools and schools of veterinary medicine.

Thirty-one percent of UNCF students graduate with degrees in business. Twelve hundred are studying to become engineers. These young people will be the leaders and responsible citizens of the 21st century.

Among the most renowned Americans who

are alumni of UNCF colleges are: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lionel Richie, Olympian Edwin Moses, opera star Leontyne Price, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and the mayors of New Orleans, Birmingham and Washington, D.C., novelist Frank Yerby, former U.S. Treasurer Azale Taylor Morton and poet Nikki Giovanni.

The United Negro College Fund is known by its motto, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste."

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