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TALLADEGA COLLEGE RECEIVES REAFFIRMATION FROM THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

The College successfully retains its accreditation for another 10 years.

Talladega, Alabama – Talladega College was among several Colleges and Universities to receive the news that it has been reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The SACS Commission made the announcement on **Thursday, June 25th** at its annual summer meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Talladega College President **Dr. Billy C. Hawkins** said the news of the College's reaffirmation is a desired end result to a job well done.

"The administration under the leadership of the Provost Dr. Jeffries worked continuously to ensure that we were successful," Dr. Hawkins said. "We have received a positive outcome due to the commitment of the staff and the SACS Liaison Mrs. Juliette Smith."

President Hawkins and his team of administrators began the reaffirmation process shortly after his arrival at Talladega College in January 2008. For more than eight months, the President along with the Vice President of Academic Affairs, **Dr. Christopher Jeffries** and the College's SACS Liaison **Mrs. Juliette Smith** worked to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and to prepare the faculty and staff for a visit from the SACS Commission in October 2008.

"It was a tremendous honor to be able to work with such a talented group of leaders," said Dr. Hawkins. "This was an opportunity for us to not only learn from the process itself, but from each other."

This is not the first success that Dr. Hawkins and his team have had with the reaffirmation process. As the President of Texas College, Dr. Hawkins and his senior leadership team which also included Dr. Jeffries worked to ensure that the College successfully received its accreditation. Following that success, Dr. Hawkins was confident of a positive outcome for Talladega College.

"When I arrived at Talladega, I knew that I was also bringing in an experienced team," said Dr. Hawkins. "As the College underwent the SACS evaluation, it had people in place that not only understood the process, but worked to guarantee its success."

About Talladega College

Talladega College is Alabama's oldest private historically black liberal arts college and home of the famous Amistad murals, fostering leadership is a tradition. Since its founding in 1867, Talladega has sought to instill in its graduates the values of morality, intellectual excellence,

and hard work. The College seeks to nurture the whole person through close, personal relations between faculty and students and by providing experiences that develop a strong personal value system and a sense of responsibility to the local community and to the world. www.talladega.edu.

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