



January 9, 2024

Dear Supporter,

I write to you with urgency and determination as Saint Augustine's University (SAU), one of only two remaining Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) affiliated with The Episcopal Church, faces the most critical time of our 157-year history. On December 5, 2023, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees cast a vote that jeopardizes the future of our beloved institution and the makeup of our nation's HBCUs. The imminent threat of losing our accreditation looms over us, presenting a formidable challenge that we must take a firm stance to confront, but we cannot stand alone.

SAU has established the Falcon Pride Initiative Fund to rally the support of our Internal Stakeholders, Alumni, Friends, Neighbors, and HBCU Community. Contributions made to the Fund will be used to demonstrate to SACSCOC that we are financially solvent. The goal is to raise \$5,000,000.

Your generous support will help SAU survive this adversity and strengthen our institution's future. Most importantly, the students transformed by their SAU education can soar to new heights.

Your commitment will ensure the rich legacy of HBCUs, founded to educate the underserved, oppressed, and often forgotten African Americans, remains strong. Every act of generosity, regardless of size, is a beacon of hope.

To donate to the Falcon Pride Initiative Fund, select one of the following methods:

- **Online:** Visit <https://www.st-aug.edu/falcon-pride-donations/>
- **Text2Give:** Text "PRIDE" to 919.373.6799 and follow the prompts.
- **Phone:** Call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 919.516.4182
- **Mail:** Send a check or money order to Saint Augustine's University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1315 Oakwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610-2298.
Please list the Fund Name or "FPIF" in the memo section.

We are poised to overcome this challenge, and together, we will secure the future of Saint Augustine's University and reaffirm our commitment to academic excellence, fostering leadership, and transforming lives.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the SAU Office of Institutional Advancement at 919.516.4182.

With Falcon Pride,

Dr. Marcus H. Burgess, Interim President
Saint Augustine's University