DSU Moves Up to 13th in the Annual HBCU Rankings

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Delaware State University has moved up to 13th among 80 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the country in the annual ranking released today by *U.S. News & World Report.*

DSU President Harry L. Williams said he expects DSU to continue moving up in the rankings in the future as well.

DSU was tied last year with South Carolina State University for 15th place and this year surpassed that school (this year 14th) as well as moved passed Elizabeth City University, which dropped to a 20th tie with Morgan State University.

Among Mid-Atlantic Region schools, DSU joins Howard University (2nd), Hampton University (4th) and Morgan State (20th) that made the top 20 HBCUs in the 2013 ranking.

DSU President Harry Lee Williams said the elevation of the University from 15th to 13th validates that the University is moving in the right direction, but also challenges the institution to work hard to continue moving up in the rankings in the upcoming years.

“The schools that are currently ahead of us are not doing anything that we aren’t capable of doing -- and in many areas DSU is already accomplishing,” Dr. Williams said. “The University will continue to strive diligently to build on the great success of our recent affirmation of DSU’s accreditation and continue to make best practices the standard in carrying out our institutional mission.”

The DSU president added, “As DSU consistently does that, our rise in this HBCU ranking will continue.”

When *U.S. News & World Report* first published its HBCU ranking in 2008, DSU ranked #22, and then rose to #17 in 2009 and 2010, before rising to 15th last year.

The HBCU rankings are based on the following categories to assess academic quality: assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Spelman College of Atlanta, Ga., is ranked as the No. 1 HBCU in the country by the magazine, a top distinction it has held since

2008. Spelman is followed by No. 2 Howard University and No. 3 Morehouse College.

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