The positive educational and economic impact of Tennessee’s HBCUs is large and lasting. The numbers (based on 2016 data) tell the story.

**KEY STATS:**
- HBCUs comprise 10% of the four-year institutions in the state
- Enroll 24% of all black undergraduates at public and private four-year institutions
- Award 20% of all bachelor’s degrees earned by black students

**ENROLLMENT:**
- **7,833**: Total number of black undergraduates enrolled at an HBCU in the state
- **24%**: Percentage of black male undergraduates enrolled at a four-year HBCU in Tennessee
- **25%**: Percentage of black female undergraduates enrolled at a four-year HBCU in Tennessee

**ECONOMIC IMPACT***:
- Total economic impact: Tennessee’s five HBCUs generate **$873 million** in total economic impact.
- Total employment impact: Tennessee’s five HBCUs generate **7,289 jobs** for their local and regional economy.
- Total lifetime earnings for graduates: The **2,143** Tennessee HBCU graduates in 2014 can expect total earnings of **$6 billion** over their lifetimes.

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