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higher than the national average.

On September 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) sent a letter to Governor DeSantis asserting that the state of Florida has consistently underfunded Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). DeSantis administration. here.

Under Governor Ron leadership, the State University System of Florida has affirmed its support of FAMU by increasing funding, investing in infrastructure, and expanding access through tuition reduction and student assistance. These investments, under the stewardship of President Larry Robinson, have propelled FAMU into the Top 100 Public National Universities, according to U.S. News and World Report.

State University System of Florida is proud to have FAMU, the #1 public HBCU in the nation, as a

students continue to benefit from unprecedented state investments in faculty, dassroom operations, housing, and the campus experience. As a result, FAMU will continue to provide an elite education to

The continued support from the DeSantis administration has resulted in a 44% reduction of FAMU students

year graduation rate. These trends have made FAMU more accessible for all students who want to attend the nation's top-ranked public HBCU. Furthermore, the State University System of Florida approved \$125,000,000 in debt issuance to create a new residential facility to house an additional 700 new beds and a dining hall.

success and accessibility are only a snapshot of the State University investment in diverse populations. Data for 2021 fall enrollment in postundergraduate students are Black or Hispanic, which is 44.8% higher than the national average. Furthermore, four-year graduation rate for Black or African American students is 40.8%, 58.1%

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The State University System of Florida is a constitutional body led by the 17-member Board of Governors. The System has 12 universities and more than 430,000 students, making it the second-largest