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Louis DeJoy and Aldona Wos Family Foundation Donates to the “Stand with Bennett” Campaign

The DeJoyWos Family Foundation made a contribution to show its support for Bennett College and the “Stand with Bennett” campaign to help maintain the local college’s accreditations. With a \$5 million goal and February 1 internal deadline, Bennett College announced Monday, February 4 that it had not only met but surpassed their goal. Thanks to over 11,000 donors during the six-week fundraising timeframe, Bennett raised \$8.2 million in support of keeping the college accredited. With Bennett beating their goal by 60 percent, the college is well-positioned for the upcoming accreditation appeal hearing as well as longer term financial stability.

Bennett College is one of only two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) for women in the United States. In December, Bennett College was informed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) that its accreditation was being revoked due to financial reasons. That’s when Bennett College filed for an appeal and commenced the “Stand with Bennett” fundraising campaign that would eventually attract local and national support. Bennett needs the \$5 million to convince the SACSCOC of its financial viability at its slated appeal on February 18.

Founded in 1873 in Greensboro, North Carolina, Bennett College is a historically black, all women’s private college. Since 1930 more than 5,000 women have graduated from Bennett College. In the last few years Bennett has steadily improved in areas of finance, fundraising, enrollment, retention rate and average GPA. Just in the last year Bennett saw a 16 percent growth in enrollment. With 465 students currently enrolled, Bennett has accepted the admission of 2,000 students of the 4,000 that applied for next year’s class.



Dr. Aldona Wos presents a check to Bennett College from the DeJoy\Wos Family Foundation in support of the #StandWithBennett Campaign. Pictured (left to right) are State Senator Gladys Robinson, Bennett College President Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Dr. Aldona Wos, and Bennett College Vice President for Institutional Advancement Danny Gatling.