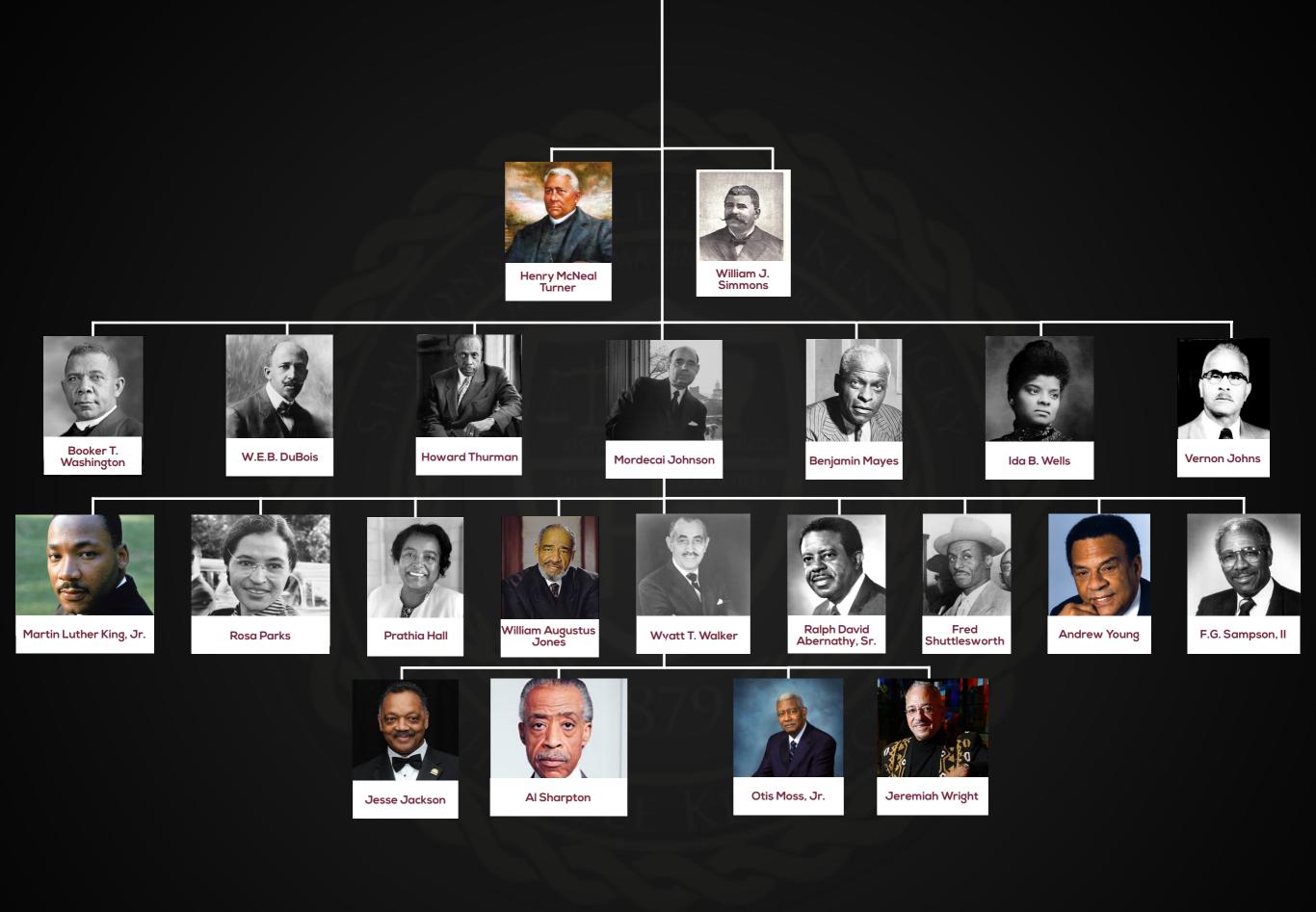


a racial groundswell. About five per cent of the emancipated people could read and write, and these were not slow to inject the spirit into the rest of their people, and by the time that the states were ready to inaugurate a system of schools, no class was more responsive than the late slaves. Some of the former slaves who had heard of colleges and universities, but had never seen either, aspired to found such for their people. The most remarkable instance occurred at Louisville, Kentucky, where a group of unlettered exslaves met in an old building in August (succeeding the close of the war, in April, 1865) and, though bearing the marks of slavery on their bodies, and simply knowing that a university meant a place of learning, took steps to begin a school which gradually

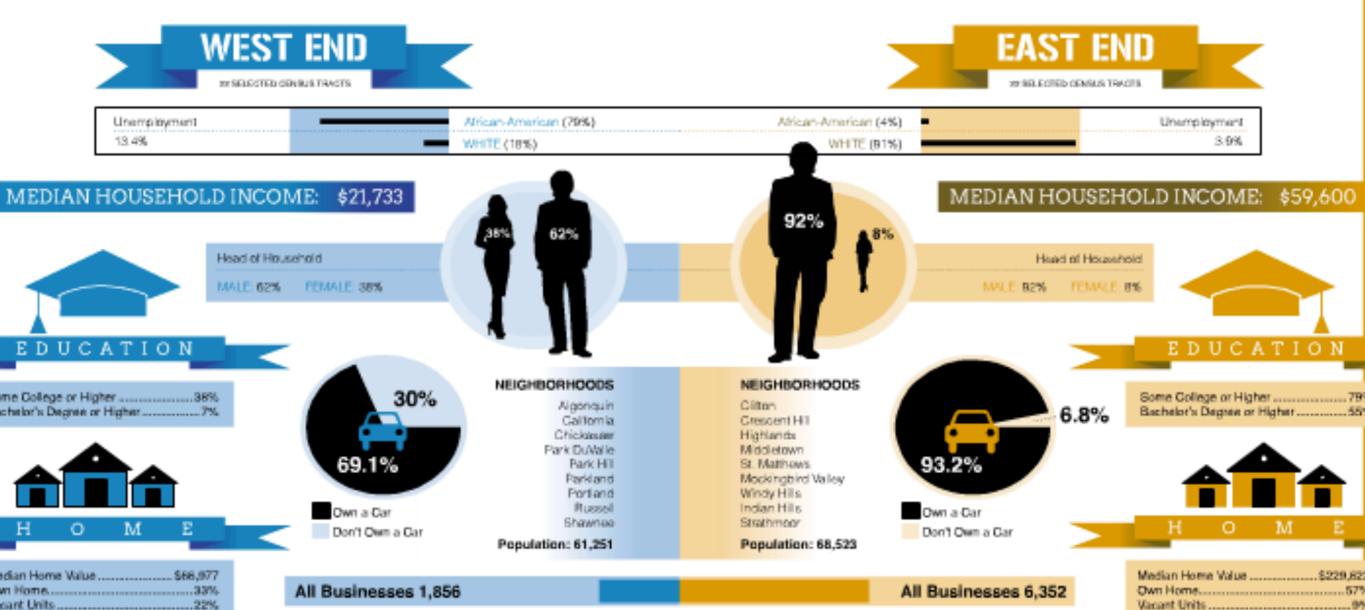
developed into what came to be known as the State University of Kentucky, a large and flourishing college for colored people which stands today in Louisville, with buildings and grounds in the heart of that city. Throughout the years, from that early time till now, it has done excellent work, not alone for the colored race but for the commonwealth of Kentucky, and is still a great educational lighthouse to a struggling people.



Simmons College of Kentucky has done more to bridge the racial divide and overcome the 9th street barrier, than any other institution in the city of Louisville.

The Huffington Post recently ranked Louisville as the fourth most segregated city in America. Simmons College of Kentucky finds this statistic unacceptable. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "Racial segregation (concentrated poverty) produces social isolation, economic deprivation and emotional frustration." Simmons College of Kentucky is the greatest bridge ever constructed in Louisville to take West Louisvillians from despair to hope. At Simmons, West Louisville students are exposed to a world beyond the 9th Street divide.

- a. While Simmons seeks to serves all people in the Louisville Metro and beyond, our target demographic is West Louisville. According to "Louisville Magazine" there are 8 times more graduates in East Louisville compared to West Louisville. Louisville Magazine cites this statistic as the greatest gap between the East and West.
- b. Simmons is a great source of pride for West Louisville and the black community.
- c. Simmons College, America's 107th designated HBCU, is poised to create educational excellence as the new norm for West Louisville.



For the purposes of our statistical comparison of West End and East End, we started with the 22 census tracts that compare west Louisville, which We define as the atea bounded roughly by Ninth Street, Algoriquin Parloway and the Ohio River, and then selected 22 census tracts in the East End where many of our readers live. (See map on page 28.)

For data on population, race, income, home values, jobs, education and housing we used the 2007-2011 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Burvey.

To get an idea of how the two areas stack up in the kinds of businesses and amenities available to residents, we used data from PeterenceUSA, a company that maintains a database of about 15 million U.S. businesses.

Supr	ermarkets	5	
Bani	ks.	13	4
Phare	renacies	6	2
	pitals	0	
	atric Physiclans	11	7
OBX	SYN Physicians	3	14
Dent	tists	55	18
Ator	mety a	8	15
Vete	rinarians	1	2
Real	beurvento:	30	25
Coffe	ee Shops	1	1
Balo	815	3	2
Ligu	or Stores	24	1
Clot	hing Stores	12	5
Mov	e Theaters	0	
Hote	ita/Motela	0	
Barb	ershops	25	
Beau	uty Salons	36	11

ATALE OF TWO CITES

ar statistical quest started with one basic question: If you compared the West End to a teletirely affluent area in the East End, that has roughly the same population, what would each arealook like? How different would they he? The basic arower: Very.

As the accompanying data shows, in just about every economic statistical rangery — income, hence mines, unemployment, education. — west Locaistille's numbers are worse than the East End area's by a factor of about three. That's roughly three times lower in the case of income and house value and three times higher in unemployment rate and vacant housing units.

Simmons Has Received National Recognition:

- a. Huffington Post
- **b.** Atlanta Journal Constitution
- c. Rickey Smiley Show
- d. Ebony Magazine
- e. Tom Joyner Radio Show







For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the city of Louisville, a private black institution will bring to the city, annually, hundreds of thousands of dollars to advance higher education among African Americans.

- a. Our first allocation was received on October 1st. Simmons will receive from the U.S. Dept. of Education, half a million dollars over the next two years. This allocation will increase in subsequent years.
- b. Simmons College is eligible for the \$1.1 Billion that is set aside exclusively for HBCU's, of which 73% is set aside for capital development loans for private HBCUs like Simmons

SIMMONS BY THE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY

6 DEGREEPROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts

Associate of Arts

Business Administration General Studies Sociology Communications Religious Studies Music





COURSE OFFERINGS **210 STUDENTS**



Simmons College of Kentucky has created Articulation Agreements with:

- University of Louisville
- Campbellsville University
- Kentucky State University
- University of Kentucky (Spring 2017)



Simmons College of Kentucky has a partnership with Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, bringing graduate education to West Louisville.

STUDENTACTIVITIES

- Men's Basketball Team
- Women's Basketball Team
- Band and Drum Line
- Dance Team
- Student Government Association
- Sociology Club
- Business Club

HBCU's educated 3% of African American Students.

30% of all African American Teachers 60% of allAfrican American Lawyers 60% of all African American Doctors

Came from an HBCU.

No Cultural Barriers for Students to overcome. 3.

No Cultural Barriers for Students to overcome. Greater Opportunities to experience leadership. 3.

 No Cultural Barriers for Students to overcome.
 Greater Opportunities to experience leadership.
 Faculty and Administration are sensitive to the markers of Student success.







SIMMONS.

STATISTICS ON THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016 OF SIMMONS COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY

67%	33%	78%	67%	44%	44%	33%	33%	22%	100%
FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS	HAD PARENTS WHO DID NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL	ARE LIVING AT OR BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	ARE PARENTS	ARE CARING FOR A DEPENDENT AT HOME	HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A DISABILITY OR IMPAIRMENT (MOBILITY, LEARNING, OR OTHER)	WORKED AT LEAST 35 HOURS PER WEEK DURING THE SEMESTER	HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED	HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR MORE THAN FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS	GRADUATED WITH <u>NO</u> STUDENT LOAN DEBT

A challenging demographic for college enrollment is among African American males. Simmons has the distinction of 60% African American male enrollment.

MISSIONSTATEMENT

Simmons College of Kentucky is an institution of higher education dedicated to educating people in the urban context through strong academic and professional programs in order that they may become productive citizens and agents of change in society.

ACCESS + QUALITY Simmons will provide an equal educational opportunity to increasing numbers of students from underserved and un-served populations residing primarily among the economically and socially bypassed in the Metro Louisville Community.

LEADERSHIP

Simmons will stimulate, initiate, and implement programs and services to both inspire and guide its students, faculty, and staff in developing their self-confidence, self-discipline, and selfempowerment to become productive leaders.

RELEVANCE Simmons will respond to the evolving needs of the economic and political culture— highly literate, well-spoken, technologically competent graduates educated to excel in the 21st century workforce.

DIVERSITY

Simmons will sustain and strengthen its commitment to recruit, enroll, educate, and graduate students and to employ faculty and staff that represent a diverse cross-section of the community.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Simmons will promote active participation in constructive social exchange through volunteerism, leadership and civic action on the part of its students students, faculty, and staff.



THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL, INC.

- The NBCA, Int'l is moving its headquarters to Louisville on the campus of Simmons College of Kentucky.
- Simmons has been named the educational provider of choice for the NBCA, Int'l.
- The NBCA, Int'l. has 3.2 million members.
- Over the next four years, the NBCA Int'l will bring 4 conventions to Louisville with an estimated economic impact of over \$7,000,000.



THE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHRUCH FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

 Simmons College of Kentucky has been named the educational provider for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, International.

PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC



THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

 The Progressive National Baptist Convention has named President Kevin W. Cosby as "Educator of the Year" for 2016.



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8th Street

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