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Alcorn State University's school colors — purple and gold — stand out in a crowd. And, the university has also stood out in the crowd for nearly 150 years now.

“As you make your decision where to achieve your higher education goals, I ask that you take a moment to look around, and consider making Alcorn State University a very important part of making your goals a reality,” Dr. George E. Ross, president of Alcorn State University.

Alcorn State University at Lorman may be a bit off the beaten path, but its reputation is reaching far and wide. A public land-grant university, Alcorn State was established in 1871 as the nation's first state-supported institution for the education of African-American students.

Hiram R. Revels, the first African-American to serve in the United States Senate, was the university's first president.

As the oldest historically and predominantly black land-grant institution in the United States, Alcorn State is steeped in history. Remnants of that past are still evident on the main campus, which features a cemetery containing a handful of tombstones marking the graves of those who devoted their lives to higher education. The Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, founder and first president of Oakland College, is buried here.

All around the cemetery, however, are visual links to the present and the future. In the past decade, the university has undertaken more than \$100 million in renovation and construction projects on both its main campus and in Natchez.

Alcorn State's physical facelift mirrors its academic improvements. In the past five years, the institution has diversified its student body, increased graduation rates and excelled in nursing education.

For years, Alcorn State University has maintained a rate of non-black student enrollment of 10.5 percent, making it the first and only historically black institution to meet the enrollment requirement in a \$503-million plan to settle a 1975 desegregation lawsuit.

The graduation rate for athletes has more



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The student union at Alcorn State University is a meeting place for students across the campus.

Alcorn State University, 1871

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Main Phone Number: (601) 877-6100

Web site: www.alcorn.edu

Satellite/ Annex Locations: Vicksburg, Natchez

Financial Aid: Federal and state grants and

loans, work study, scholarships

Popular Majors: Biology, elementary education, business administration, sports medicine, sociology, social work

Current President: Dr. George E. Ross

Admissions phone number: (601) 877-6148

than doubled, and Alcorn has one of the highest rates among all institutions for black athletes.

Alcorn State's School of Nursing has achieved a pass rate of nearly 100 percent on the state licensing exam.

Word is spreading about Alcorn State as students come from all over the nation, India, Ghana, Russia, Jamaica and Turkey in addition to the primary 60-mile radius the campus serves.

The main campus of Alcorn State is located in Claiborne County, seven miles west of Lorman and about halfway between Vicksburg to the north and Natchez to the south. The 1,700 acres is a scenic setting

with lots of hills and lush greenery.

Alcorn State has more than 40 clubs and organizations including student government, newspaper and yearbook staffs, a radio station, honor societies, religious groups, music and theatre groups and special interest groups.

The university also participates in Southwestern Athletic Conference sports, supported by a sea of purple and gold. Women's sports include basketball, golf, indoor and outdoor tack, soccer, softball, tennis volleyball. Men's sports include baseball, basketball, football, golf, indoor and outdoor track and tennis.