

## **TMCF's President & CEO, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. Comments on Reverend Jesse Jackson's Response On Apple's Diversity and Inclusion Data**

**WASHINGTON, DC (August 4, 2016)** – The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) is proud to partner with Apple on the first-of-its-kind HBCU Initiative to build a pipeline of diverse tech talent from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Because of Apple's bold leadership announcement last year, TMCF was able to work with Apple's internal team to identify 33 Apple Scholars from public and private HBCUs, who are currently interning at Apple Headquarters in Cupertino. In addition, TMCF and Apple awarded \$1 million in grants to HBCUs across the country. And this week, Apple and TMCF are hosting 24 HBCU deans and faculty members from the 15 HBCU accredited engineering schools at the Cupertino Headquarters to help them build their capacity to prepare even more students to consider tech careers.

As we wrap up year one, we now know that tech talent exists on HBCU campuses. We are grateful to our partner, Apple, for believing in our schools and trusting TMCF as a resource to assist with finding and developing the talent. We also have a long way to go, but we are committed to working with Apple and committed to finding and supporting the untapped talent at HBCUs.

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