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### **Rankings Show JSU a Leading Educator of African Americans**

(JACKSON, Miss.) – For the second year in a row, Jackson State University was ranked the top institution among the nation’s colleges and universities in educating African-American teachers. The annual reports of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, “Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers” and “Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers” also found that JSU ranked third in producing African Americans with master’s degrees in English.

In its annual rankings, *Diverse* compares institutions of higher learning in various disciplines based on an assessment of 2005-06 academic year reports submitted to the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics. The reports were printed in the magazine’s May 31 and July 12 editions.

Designated a research intensive university by the Carnegie Foundation, JSU’s undergraduate program in biological and biomedical sciences rank No. 3. Overall, JSU’s bachelors programs are No. 13.

“These rankings are not a result of happenstance, but rather evidence of 130-year history of deliberate and concerted efforts to make sure our graduates are equipped to make a positive impact on the world,” says President Ronald Mason Jr. “I always say that we take students where they are and give them what they need to be successful. These rankings tell me that we are doing an exceptional job.”

Jackson State’s graduate programs also scored high among the nation’s top colleges and universities with master’s and doctorate programs both in the top 30. Master’s programs rank No. 28 while the doctorate programs rank No. 24.

When compared to other historically black colleges and universities, Jackson State's key rankings include:

- No. 1 in doctorates in business
- No. 1 in master's degrees in English
- No. 2 in master's degrees in physical sciences
- No. 3 in master's degrees in education
- No. 8 in undergraduate programs

"Our students, staff, faculty and administration are to be commended for this recognition," says Dr. Velvelyn Foster, vice president for academic affairs and student life. "As we celebrate this accomplishment, we are energized for the upcoming year as we strive to prepare even more outstanding students."

For more information on *Diverse Issues and Higher Education* rankings, visit the following links:

Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers

<http://www.diverseeducation.com/Top100GraduateDegreeProducers2007.asp>

Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers

<http://www.diverseeducation.com/Top100DegreeProducers2007Undergraduate.asp>