ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is a public historically black college in Pine Bluff. It was founded in 1875 as Branch Normal College, and Joseph Carter Corbin was selected to serve as the first principal. In 1890, it was designated as a land-grant college under amendments to the Morrill Land-Grant Acts. In 1927, Branch Normal College severed ties with the University of Arkansas system, and it was renamed Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College (Arkansas AM&N). In 1972, Arkansas AM&N rejoined the University of Arkansas system and changed its name to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The school has gained national recognition as a leading research institution in aquaculture studies. It has the only comprehensive program in aquaculture in the state. UAPB is the oldest HBCU in Arkansas and the second oldest public institution in the state.



