**The potential to do better**

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Florida A&M University, the number 1 HBCU for Black excellencies, has many students questioning if it's true?

Within three months into the new school year, FAMU has received multiple backlashes from students demanding a change to be made.

Many of these students have expressed their concern about staff and faculty shortcomings.

When asking students about these shortcomings, many have expressed negative feedback regarding the school's ability to provide.

Samantha Romain, a fourth-year English major, said that this semester here at FAMU has been stressful for student resources. "I think FAMU is unreliable because we as students always have to fight for something, such as financial aid, getting classes, or even situation with advisers. There is always something going on with the University."

Many students, like Romain, have had similar issues with getting their needs met by the faculty and staff members who work for the school. Many have said the administration has always been hard to work with and has had to rely on professors for their academic needs.

After repeated attempts at reaching out to speak with the FAMU administrator of Student Affairs on the comments and concerns most students have regarding student success. No comments from administrators were made at this time. Several professors had even made a remark when it came down to FAMU cooperating with students; they wait until the very last minute to make a statement regarding the issues on campus.

According to an ESPN interview with Coach Willie Simmons,  "The school's compliance officer is also the financial aid officer, who was pressed into doing both jobs when the compliance official left."

Although Florida State University is another well know school in Tallahassee, who is also a lot bigger than FAMU, faces little to none of these problems. When speaking with students about student success, many have said that FSU provides many resources to help with their academic needs, such as Case Management Service, the Department of Student Support & Transitions, the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), and more. All these programs play an essential part in ensuring students at Florida State succeed in how they see fit.

Galens Joseph, a third-year student computer science major at Florida State University, said, "it's easy to get involved and engaged with the different type of events that happens throughout the day on campus."

Unlike FAMU, whose campus is active during the mornings and early afternoons. While the FSU campus stays busy throughout the whole day.

Even so, with a larger engagement group at FSU, many did say they had to rely on their Teacher Assistant (TA) to understand the martial they learned from their professor. Unlike FAMU, which provides that intimate classroom one-on-one interaction with Professors, FSU does not.