

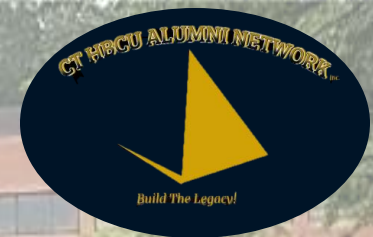
# 1831 to Now: Building the Northeast's First HBCU in New Haven



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*Proposed in 1831, Established in 2031: HBCU satellite | Grow talent, Grow opportunity, Grow Connecticut*  
**Application for Community Investment Planning Funds, Round 8 | December 2025**

# CT HBCU Alumni Network, Inc.



## Our Impact

**\$250,000**

Avg amount in scholarships awarded since 2019

**200+**

students supported through HBCU Send-Off

*Statewide HBCU Send-Off has benefited about 40 students annually with celebrations, resources, & transition support.*

**5+**

Years of statewide HBCU programming

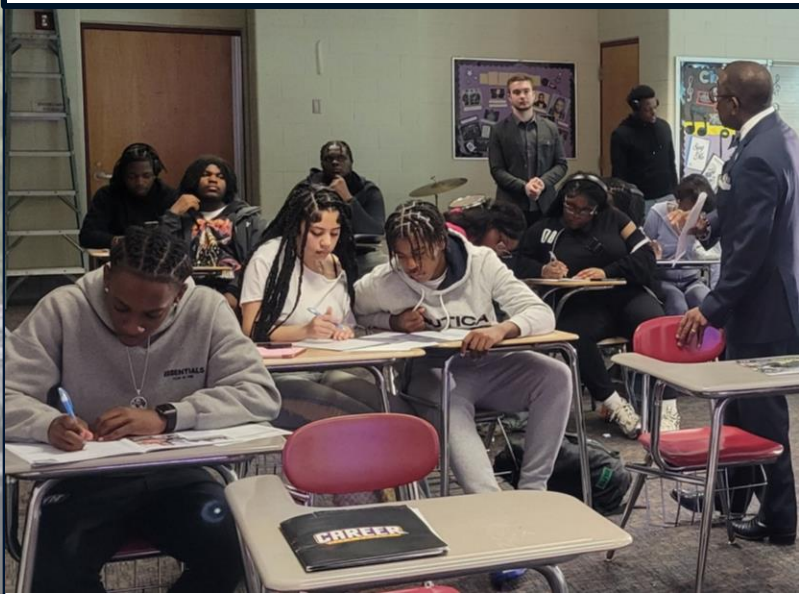
*College fairs, tours, events, and outreach connecting CT students to HBCU opportunities since August 2019.*

## Statewide HBCU Community

of alumni, students, and allies

A growing network of HBCU alumni across multiple institutions working together on college and career readiness, health & wellness, economic empowerment, and policy advocacy.

# EDUCATION



# TOURS



# EVENTS



# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES





# Brief Introduction

The City of New Haven and the CT HBCU Alumni Network, Inc. are seeking \$250,000 CIF Round 8 planning funds, which it will pair with \$50,000 of local funds to complete a two-year feasibility and community planning process for establishing the first HBCU presence in the Northeast via a satellite campus in New Haven. The goal is to complement and fill gaps in CT's innovation economy so it can be as robust as MA's, with Kendall Square as a reference point.

This initiative will test the feasibility of an HBCU sister campus at SCSU's Crescent-Fitch-Fournier Beaver Pond edge, anchored in health care, biotech, quantum and advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and IT, and physically linked to New Haven's growing innovation cluster.

Two-Year Planning Workstreams & Budget:

1. Feasibility & Strategic Plan – \$140,000
2. Community Engagement & Programming – \$130,000
3. Early Design & Visualization – \$30,000

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# HBCU Strategic Vision: Why New Haven?



**History & Mission**



**Infrastructure**



**Demand**



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# Community Benefits/Outcomes

- Create permanent and temporary **jobs**
- Expand **college access** and **career pathways**
- **Engage** with the community and **enable** programming
- Honor and leverage Black history as a **civic** and **economic asset**
- Enable the redevelopment of an underutilized land to unlock **future development opportunities**
- Catalyze **future capital investment** in an **inclusive innovation cluster**



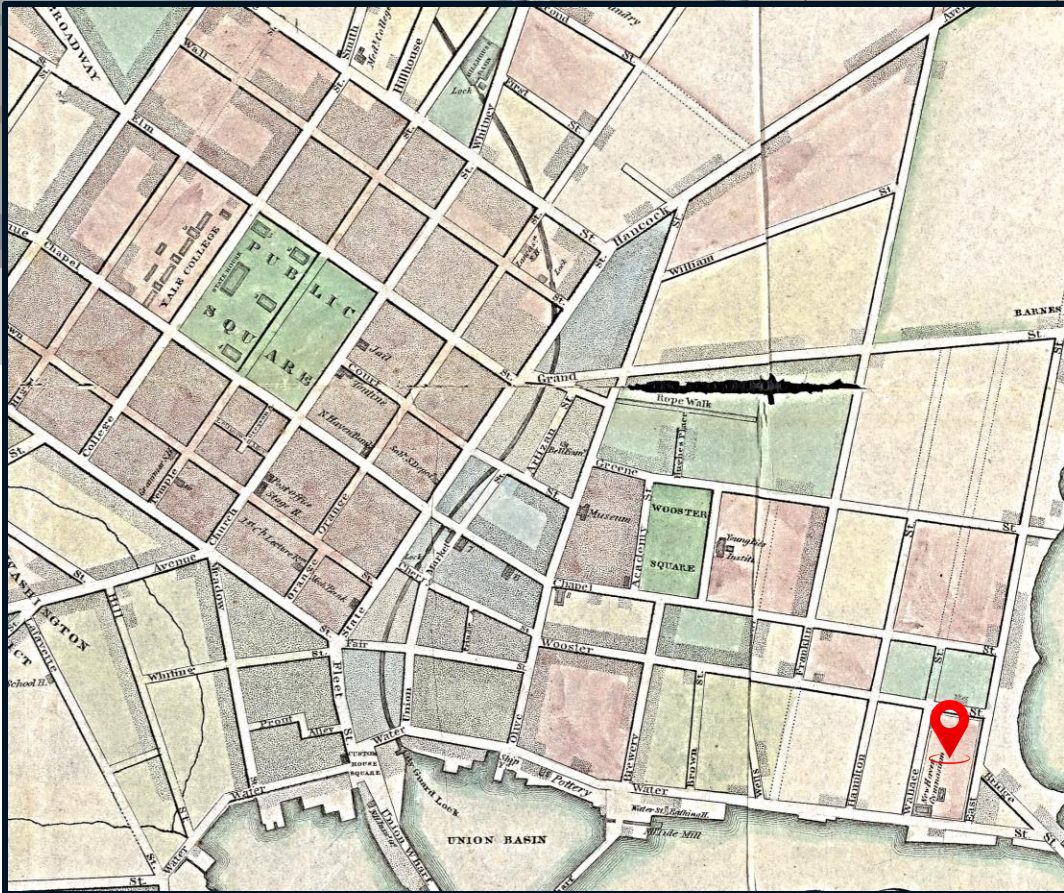
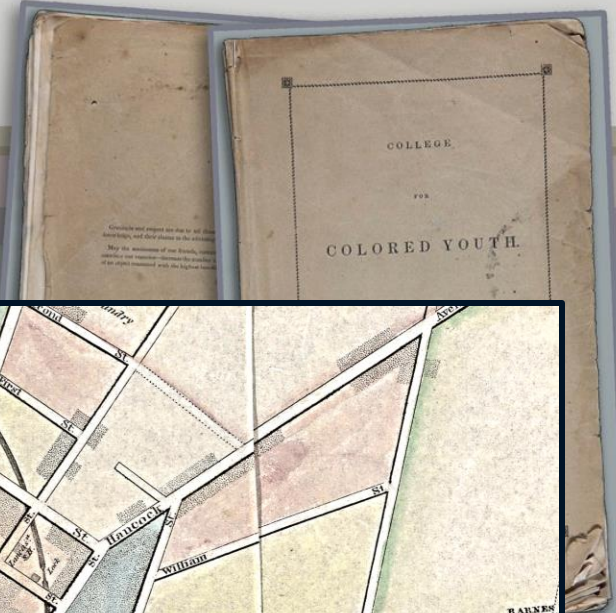
# Who Will These Projects Impact?



Proposed campus is an area **highly diverse** and has been traditionally underserved for infrastructure improvements in the past. Focusing on underserved communities, the City seeks to re-invest in areas, which historically have been plagued by economic disinvestment, blight, and racial inequality. Thus, the City is seeking funding to explore the future capital improvements which will promote economic activity, development opportunities, and neighborhood livability, vitality, and vibrancy in communities that are:

Community Demographics	New Haven	Dwight	Dixwell	Beaver Hills	Edgewood	4-Neighborhood Average
Black or African American	34%	39%	56%	56%	50%	50%
Hispanic or Latin American	30%	23%	18%	15%	20%	19%
Asian	5%	9%	4%	3%	4%	5%
White	29%	24%	19%	22%	21%	22%
Other	2%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%

# History: Repairing a Wrong & Making Right on Proposal



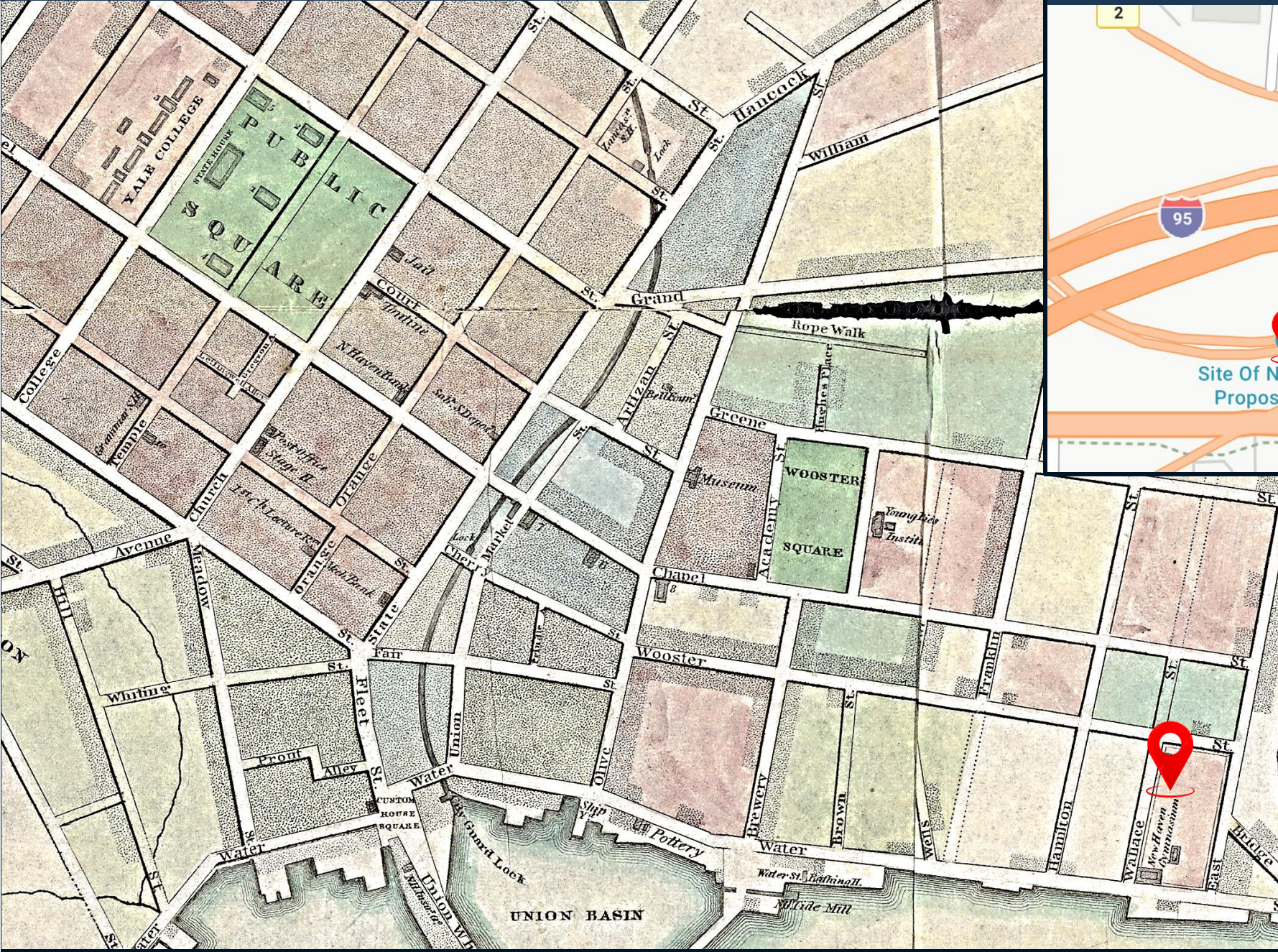
## What Could Have Been

A short documentary film about the proposal for America's first HBCU in New Haven, Connecticut, 1831

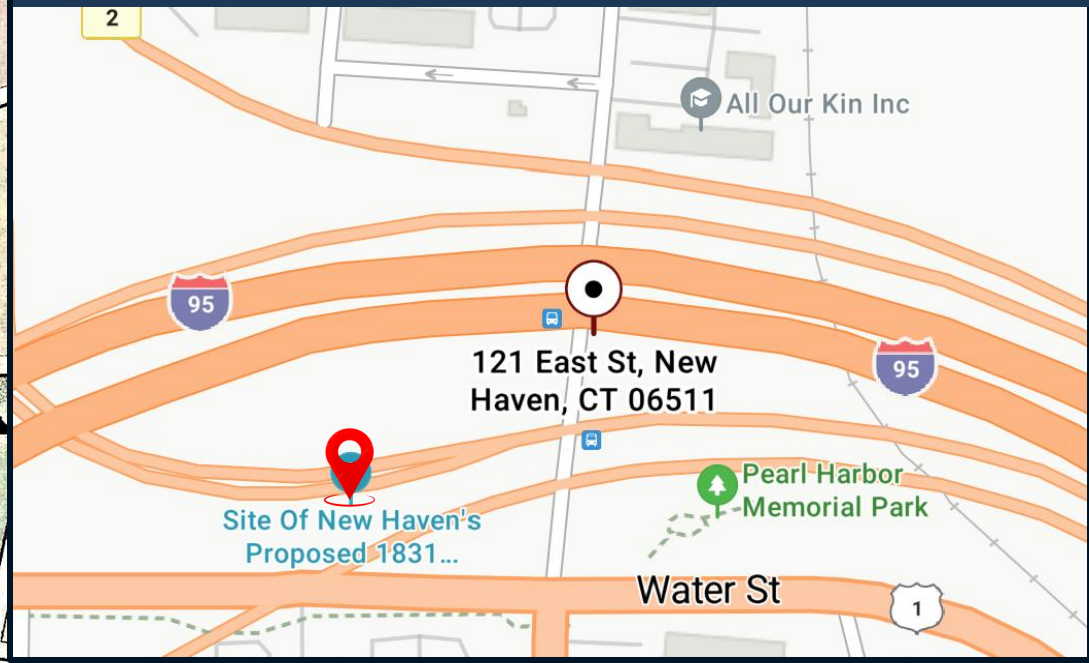
**In 1831, New Haven, in a 700-4 vote, rejected what could have been the nation's first HBCU.**

*"The extensive establishment in New Haven formerly known as the Steamboat Hotel, and laterally as Dwight's Gymnasium...has been purchased by a Mr. Jocelyn, and is to be converted into college for Blacks." – Yale Beinecke library*

# Proposed



# Today



121 East St, New Haven, CT 06511

Site Of New Haven's Proposed 1831...



# History: 200 Years in the Making

1638:

Theophilus Eaton co-founder and first governor of New Haven County brought slaves

1640:

Slaves helped to build Downtown (Nine Squares) & Farmington Canal

1719:

Yale moves from Saybrook to New Haven for its sugar wealth, promises of financial gains, and campus expansion

1784:

Connecticut Passed the Gradual Abolition of 1784

1831:

Simeon Jocelyn sought to establish the FIRST Negro College (HBCU) in New Haven, but failed due to backlash

1839:

Amistad uprising happens. The captives were held and tried in federal court in New Haven, CT

1840:

CT officially abolishes slavery, becoming the LAST New England Colony to do so

1861-1865:

Civil War Occurs. All slaves around the US were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation

1865-1965:

Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement. HBCUs expand across the South, but so does Black Codes and Jim Crow until CRA of 1964 & Brown v BOE of 1965

# Northeast is an HBCU Desert



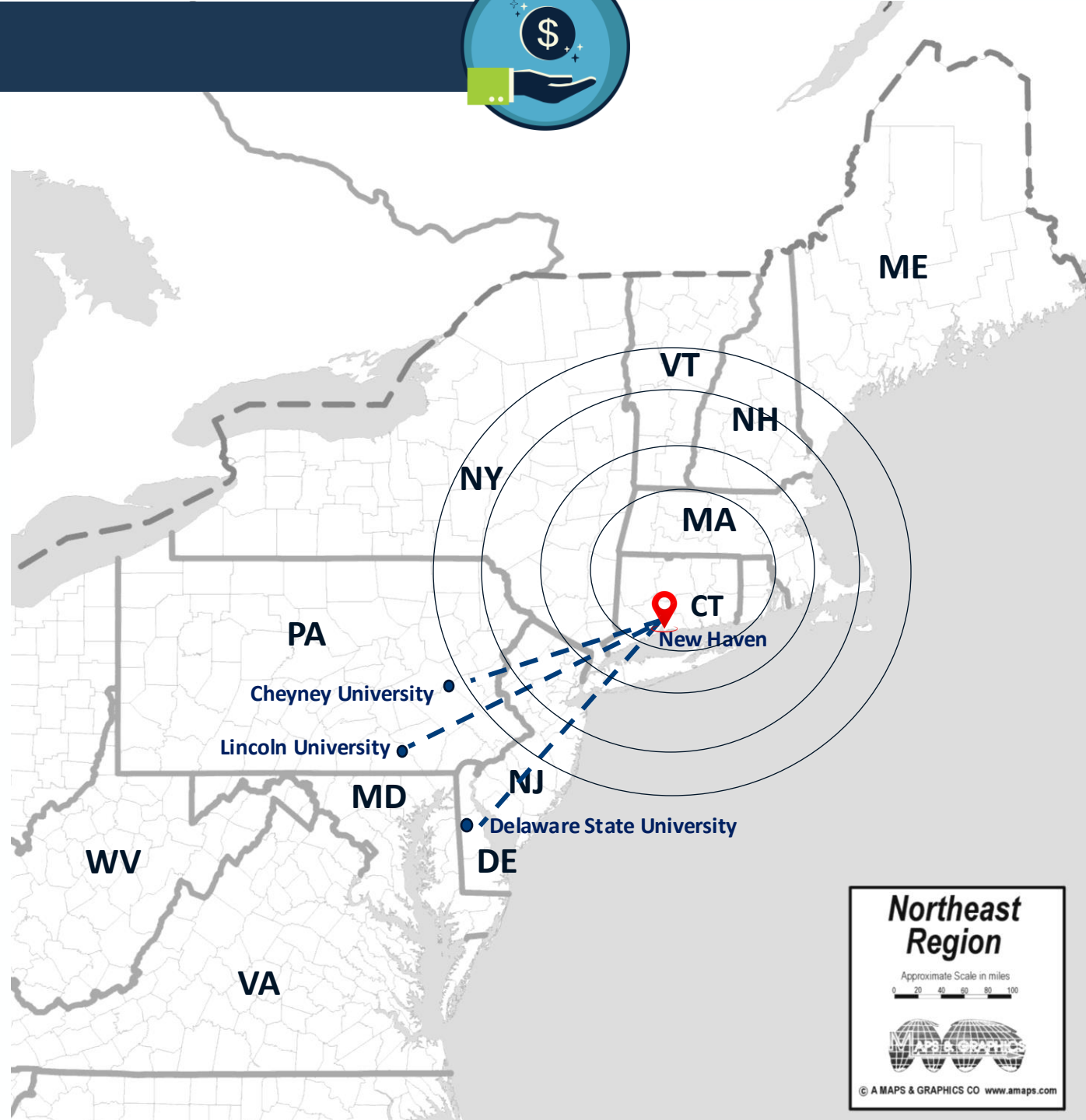
200 Years AFTER the 1st HBCU was proposed in New Haven, CT:

## New England has no HBCUs

Nearest options: 200–250 miles away.

- *Cheyney – 4 hrs*
- *Lincoln – 4.2 hrs*
- *Delaware State – 4.6 hrs*

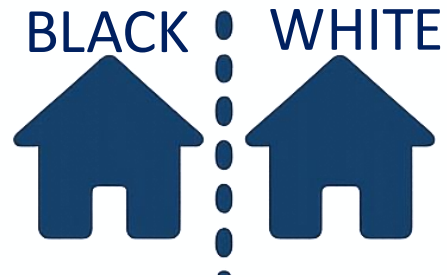
- Demand exists; distance exports talent
- 38%+ of residents hold a bachelor's or higher, 11% are without a diploma, dropping from 26% in 2000 (Vision 2034).



**Northeast Region**  
 Approximate Scale in miles  
 0 20 40 60 80 100  
  
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# The Case: Outcomes & Need

Senator Gary Winfield has noted, "racialized decisions [produce] racialized outcomes."  
As a result of that decision:



## Educational & Economic Disparities and Racial Segregation

- CT ranks **second nationally** among the most racially and economically segregated, with majority of its schools divided by housing and district lines.
- Black poverty **≈27%** in **New Haven**; more than **double the rate** of White residents (DataHaven, 2023).



## Racialized Over-Incarceration

- Black residents though **11%** of CT population, are more than **40%** of the State's prison population.



## Racial Wealth Gap – Barrier to Black Economic Mobility

- CT Black Poverty Rates far exceed those in the **DMV (>15%)** & **Atlanta (17%)**.
- CT Black income **≈\$32k**, but lags behind the **DMV (\$89K)** & **Atlanta (\$65K)**, and so does **homeownership** and **business ownership**.

## The Solution: HBCU-Centered STEM Consortium in New Haven

Today, we propose to turn that history into a forward engine for education, good jobs, and inclusive wealth in New Haven. The Alumni Network and the City are seeking planning funds to bring an HBCU Satellite Campus hosted at SCSU, linked by cross-registration to Yale, UNH, Gateway, and other partners. The flagship HBCU will serve as a bridge pipeline for women and students of color into:

- Culturally affirming, workforce-aligned programs tied to CT's growth sectors: biotech, quantum, aerospace, health, tech.
- Cross-Registration & stackable credentials through certificates, bachelor's, and selected graduate pathways; paid co-ops; employer-backed hiring.



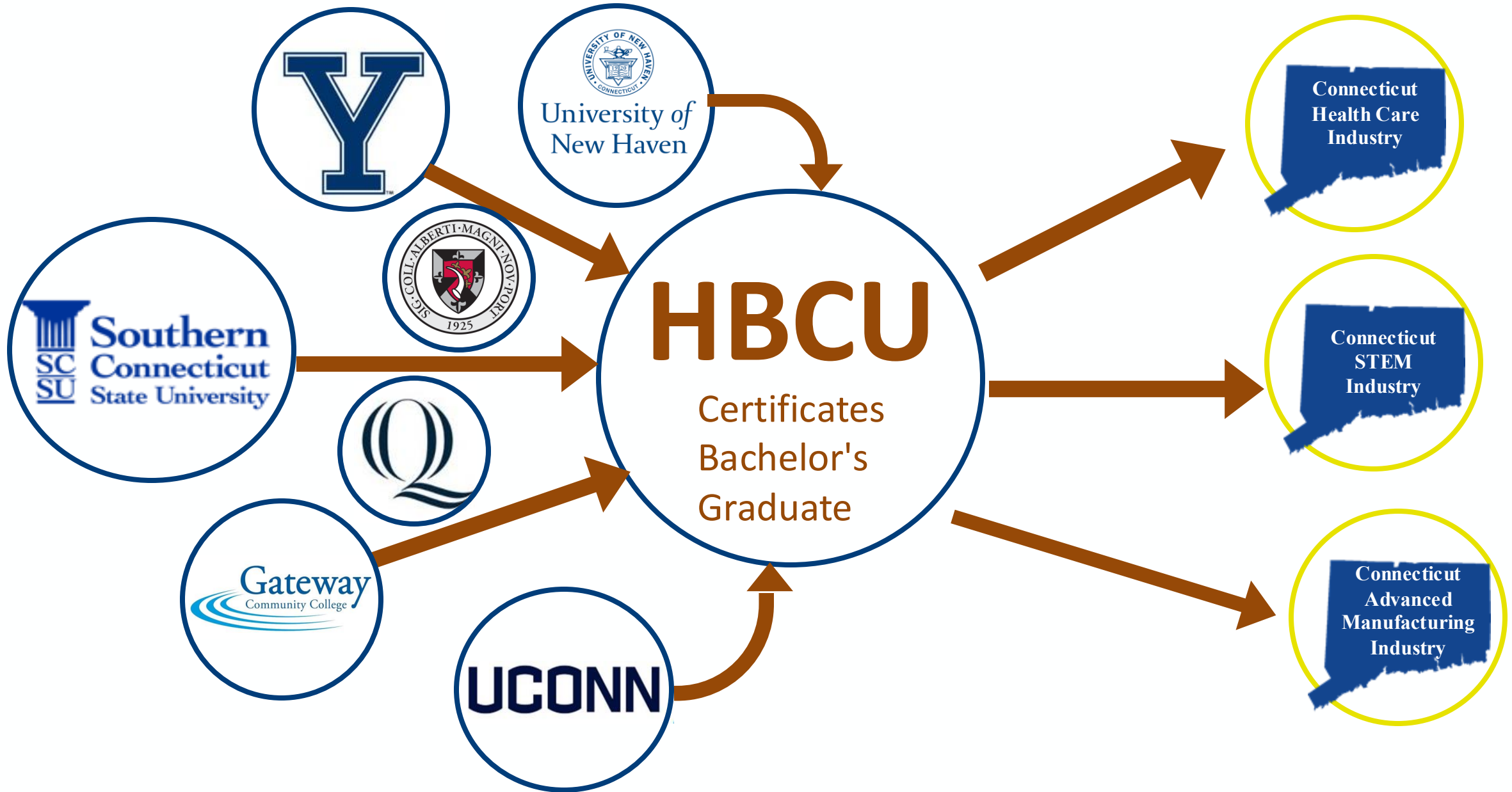
# Infrastructure: Ecosystem of Higher Education & Innovation Clusters



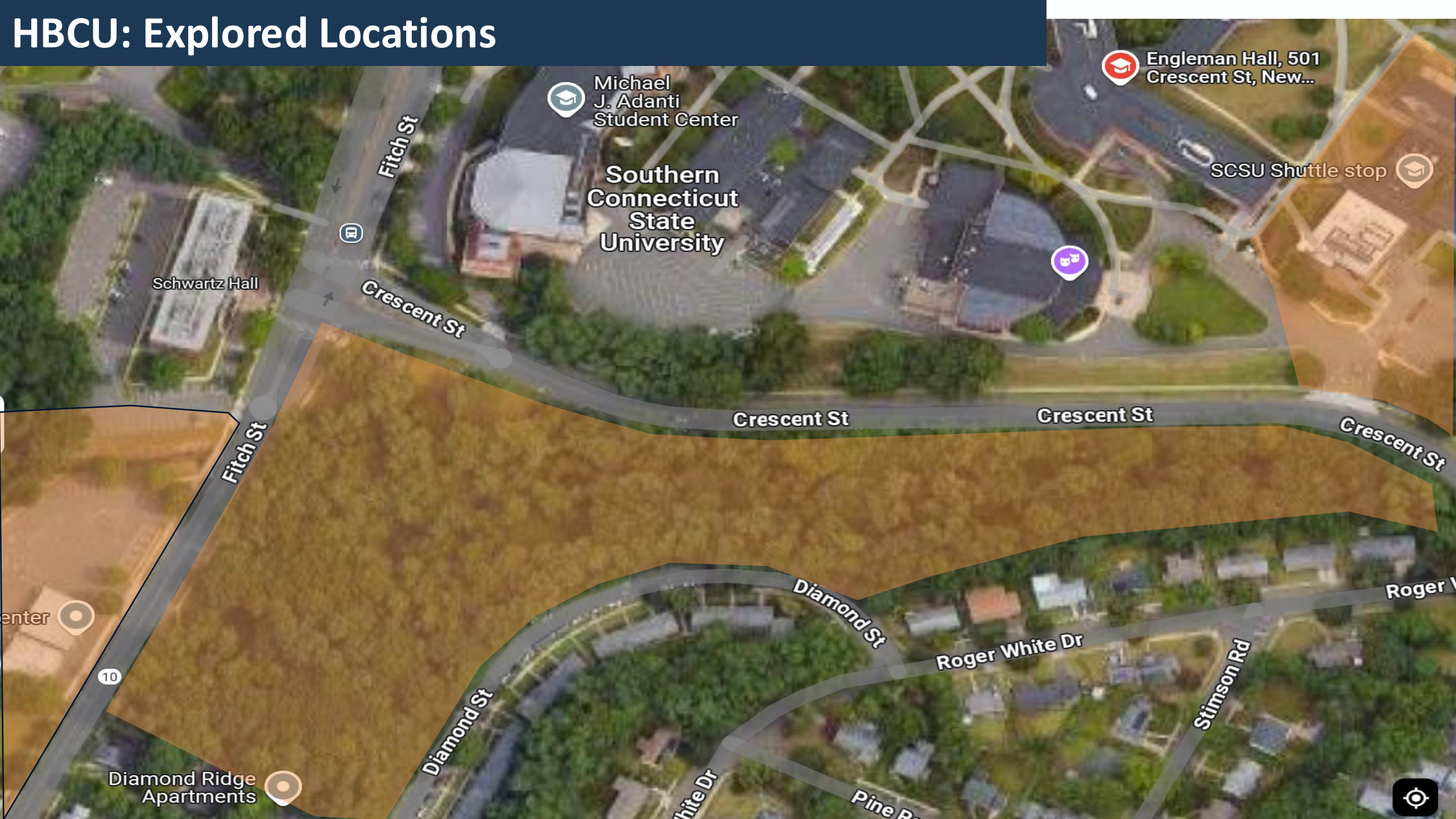
Greater New Haven already hosts six higher education institutions. SCSU has land and existing facilities that can be expanded and improved to support an HBCU campus and shared amenities.



# 1831 College Model – Northeast Consortium: 8 Colleges, 1 Commitment



# HBCU: Explored Locations



Engleman Hall, 501 Crescent St, New...

Michael J. Adanti Student Center

Southern Connecticut State University

SCSU Shuttle stop

Schwartz Hall

Fitch St

Crescent St

Crescent St

Crescent St

Crescent St

Fitch St

Center

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Diamond Ridge Apartments

Diamond St

Diamond St

Roger White Dr

Roger V

White Dr

Pine R

Stimson Rd



# HBCU X SCSU CAMPUS INNOVATION CLUSTER KEY PLAN

- 1** LYMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PLAZA
- 2** ETHNIC CULTURE CENTER & MUSEUM
- 3** SOUL CAFE COFFEE AND STUDY SPACE
- 4** HBCU INNOVATION QUAD
- 5** RESEARCH & OFFICE BUILDING  
3 FLOORS; 40,000 SF
- 6** INNOVATION & LAB BUILDING  
4 FLOORS + 2 SUBFLOORS  
50,000 SF LAB SPACE + PARKING [250 CARS]
- 7** HBCU CLOCKTOWER
- 8** THE YARD
- 9** THE BALLPARK AT SCSU
- 10** SOCCER FIELD & WETLANDS
- 11** BEAVER POND NATURE WALK
- 12** CRESCENT STREET BROOK NATURE WALK



- 13** HBCU X SCSU CAMPUS ENTRANCE MONUMENT  
1. AT FITCH & CRESCENT  
2. AT FOURNIER & CRESCENT





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ARCHITECTS



## WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO



## WHERE WE ARE NOW



## FUTURE: WHERE WE COULD EXPAND



### Kendall Square - 14 acres

- Established, Over-built*
- Anchored by Harvard and MIT*
- Cost of Living*
- MBTA connectivity*

### New Haven Downtown - 1.4 acres

- Room to grow, Lab space fully leased*
- Anchored by Yale*
- Cost of Living*
- Union Station TOD*
- Quantum and Bio*

### New Haven SCSU x HBCU - 11 acres

- Anchored by SCSU, HBCU, Yale*
- Cost of Living*
- Bus Rapid Transit*
- Aerospace, R&D, Quantum, Bio*

# Budget:

## A) Admin / Operations

<i>Staff – Program &amp; Operations Coordinator</i>	\$60,000
<i>CRM/Data, Marketing &amp; Operations</i>	\$15,000

## B) HBCU Satellite Planning (Core)

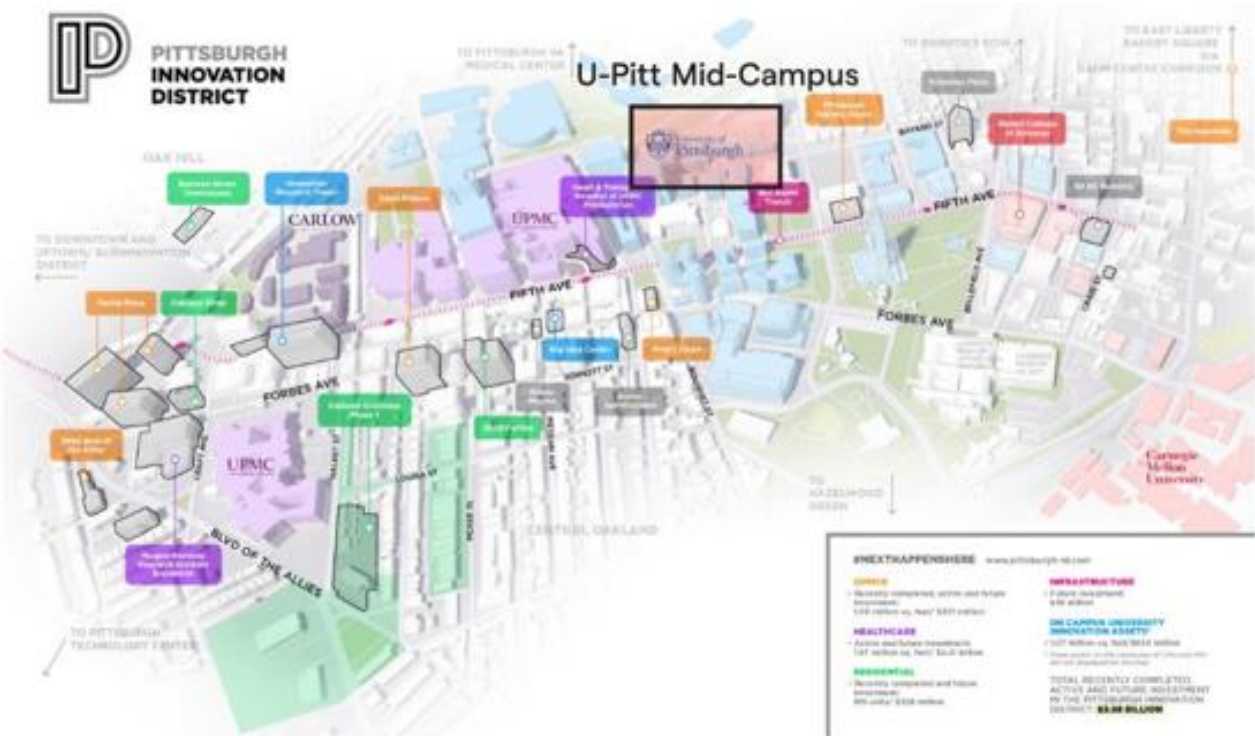
<i>Feasibility Study: Market</i>	\$60,000
<i>Strategic Planning &amp; Community Engagement</i>	\$80,000
<i>Early Architectural Design</i>	\$30,000

## C) Events & Student Exposure (Interim Activities)

<i>HBCU Classics, Sporting Events, College Tours</i>	\$20,000
<i>College Fairs/Networking, Send-Offs (Venue/AV)</i>	\$35,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>



# Research Insights



Highly Accessible via Public Transit

A Multitude of Micro-Transit Options Exist in the Neighborhood

One of the Most Educated Markets on the East Coast

One of the Pittsburgh's Fastest Growing Neighborhoods

Oakland Boasts the City's Best Suite of Urban Living Amenities

The Innovation District is Pittsburgh's Largest Employment Center

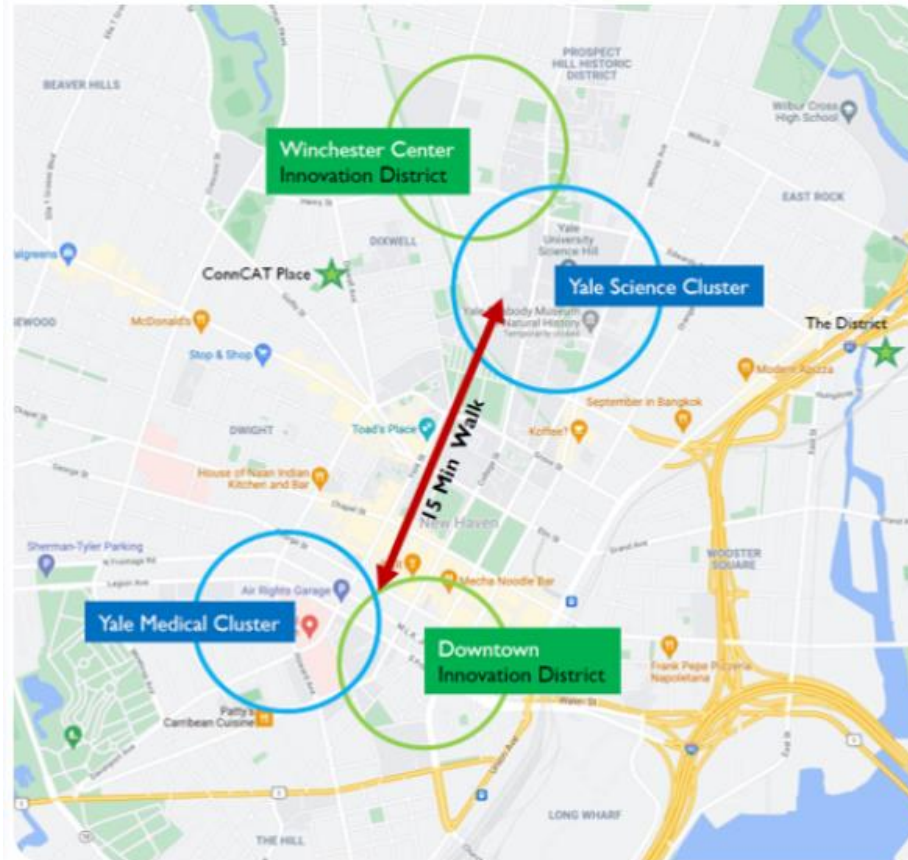


## New Haven's Strengths align with the Five Pillars of Innovation Ecosystems

- **Proximity & Density:** Dense downtown with research space
- **Connectivity & Mobility:** TOD with Union Station within ¼ of a mile
- **Public Realm & Green Space**
- **Anchor Institutions & Talent**
- **Culture of Collaboration:** Strong Public-Private Partnerships



New Haven saw **26%** of Connecticut's life science R&D job growth in Connecticut since 2013



**#1**

**fastest growing MSA** for Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences R&D\*

**596%**

**growth** in physical, engineering, and life sciences R&D **jobs** from 2018-2023

**164%**

**more medical scientists** than the national average with **56% growth** in the occupation from 2018-2023

**31%**

**biotechnology R&D job growth** since 2019, supporting what is now 130 biotechnology R&D establishments

# Enabling Meaningful Innovation



## New Haven Core & Potential Innovation Sectors



- ~54 companies
- Between 2k and 3k employees.
- Life sciences should be viewed more broadly to consider devices, biotech, analytics, and digital health apps.
- A key development is the growth of virtual bio-product development companies and "tool" companies that may change the demand for lab space but are absorbing office space.

### Digital



- ~38 companies plus another 10-12 health related digital companies
- at least 1600 employees
- Broad mix of categories from e-commerce, marketing, data science across a series of different industry verticals (education, travel, cybersecurity, etc)
- Transition of some key companies such as Assa Abloy to more digital solutions to their products.
- "every company is now a tech company"

Source: NP calculations using a variety of sources including Crunchbase.com active company database; online business directories for employee estimates, and QCEW data

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## New Haven Core & Potential Innovation Sectors



### Creative

- ~39 companies concentrated in architecture, advertising / digital media
- 300+ work in architecture and design
- 800+ work in arts, recreation and entertainment



### Climate (potential)

- New Haven already has an existing presence in green / climate related industry
- Firms are involved in:
  - Alternative fuels (biodiesel)
  - Engineering / Consulting
  - Analytics
  - Agricultural practices
- Recent patented technology includes:
  - Patent Class Y02B - Climate change mitigation technologies related to buildings, e.g. housing, house appliances or related end-user applications
  - Y02E - Reduction of greenhouse gas [ghg] emissions, related to energy generation, transmission or distribution
  - Y02P - Climate change mitigation technologies in the production or processing of goods
  - Y02W - Climate change mitigation technologies related to wastewater treatment or waste management

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# Enabling Meaningful Innovation



## NIH Research Base

- New Haven remains a top 20 NIH city (rank 18 down from 16 in 2010) with \$599m in NIH Prime Awards in 2022
- New Haven added more than \$200m in prime awards over 2010 for a 51% increase which was on par with overall NIH funding growth
- New Haven in 2022 is now more than \$136m larger than Cambridge in prime awards compared to only about \$6m larger in 2010.
- New Haven represents 82% of Connecticut NIH Prime awards - the same proportion as 2010
- Of note NYC in 2022 overtook Boston as the largest recipient of NIH Prime Awards with awards nearly double that of 2010.

RANK	LOCATION	2022 FUNDING
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 36,993,042,996</b>
1	New York	\$ 2,447,287,515
2	Boston	\$ 2,333,875,268
3	Seattle	\$ 1,375,917,161
4	Philadelphia	\$ 1,218,857,065
5	Baltimore	\$ 1,137,177,993
6	Los Angeles	\$ 1,104,024,986
7	La Jolla	\$ 1,094,517,571
8	Chicago	\$ 1,028,257,411
9	San Francisco	\$ 996,569,881
10	Houston	\$ 790,068,275
11	Durham	\$ 787,412,417
12	Pittsburgh	\$ 759,859,930
13	Atlanta	\$ 696,536,838
14	St. Louis	\$ 675,976,181
15	Palo Alto	\$ 674,132,431
16	Ann Arbor	\$ 669,586,535
17	Chapel Hill	\$ 599,794,067
18	New Haven	\$ 599,730,835
19	Nashville	\$ 520,517,696
20	Minneapolis	\$ 474,770,756

Source: NP analysis of NIH Awards data by location.  
Note that rankings can fluctuate from year to year

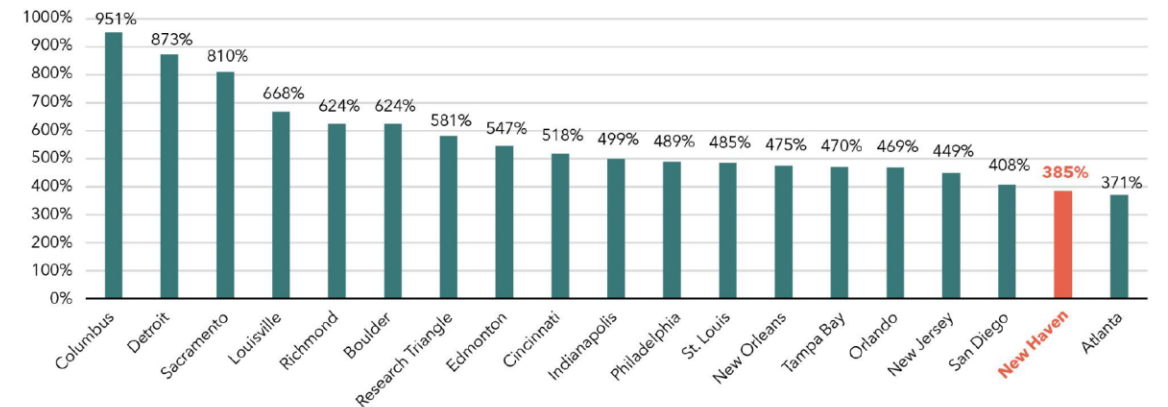
## Venture Capital Attraction

- New Haven is a top 50 market in attracting venture capital and a top 20 city in 5-year growth according to Dealroom.co

### 5 Year Change

Venture Capital Funding

Source: Dealroom.co



# Life Sciences Venture Capital

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## Connecticut Universities Develop Valuable IP & Drive Investment\*

- \$2.84B raised for Yale and UConn life sciences affiliates since 2019
- 100+ Active UCONN and Yale LifeScience Companies
- Yale Life Sciences IP - Yale IP based life sciences companies raised \$2.2 billion since 2019.  
*Arvinas (\$1.2B), Isoplexis (\$373M), Halda (\$227M), Normunity (\$182M), Simcha (\$78M), Kleo (\$51M)*
- UConn Life Sciences IP and TIP - UConn startups and TIP companies raised \$672 million since 2019.  
*RallyBio (\$356M), EvolveImmune (\$103M), Azitra (\$65M), Thetis (\$57M), Vanessa (\$27M), Torigen (\$ 24M)*

## Additional raises:

- BioHaven (\$600M), Rivalia Bio (\$12.3M), Modifi Biosciences acquired by Merck for \$30 million upfront, with potential milestone payments up to \$1.3 billion.

## Life Sciences

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North American Biologics

Projected to reach \$345 B by 2030

CT NIH Funding

~\$787 M/year, top 5 per capita

New Haven Lab Space

4.3% vacancy v. 25% in Boston

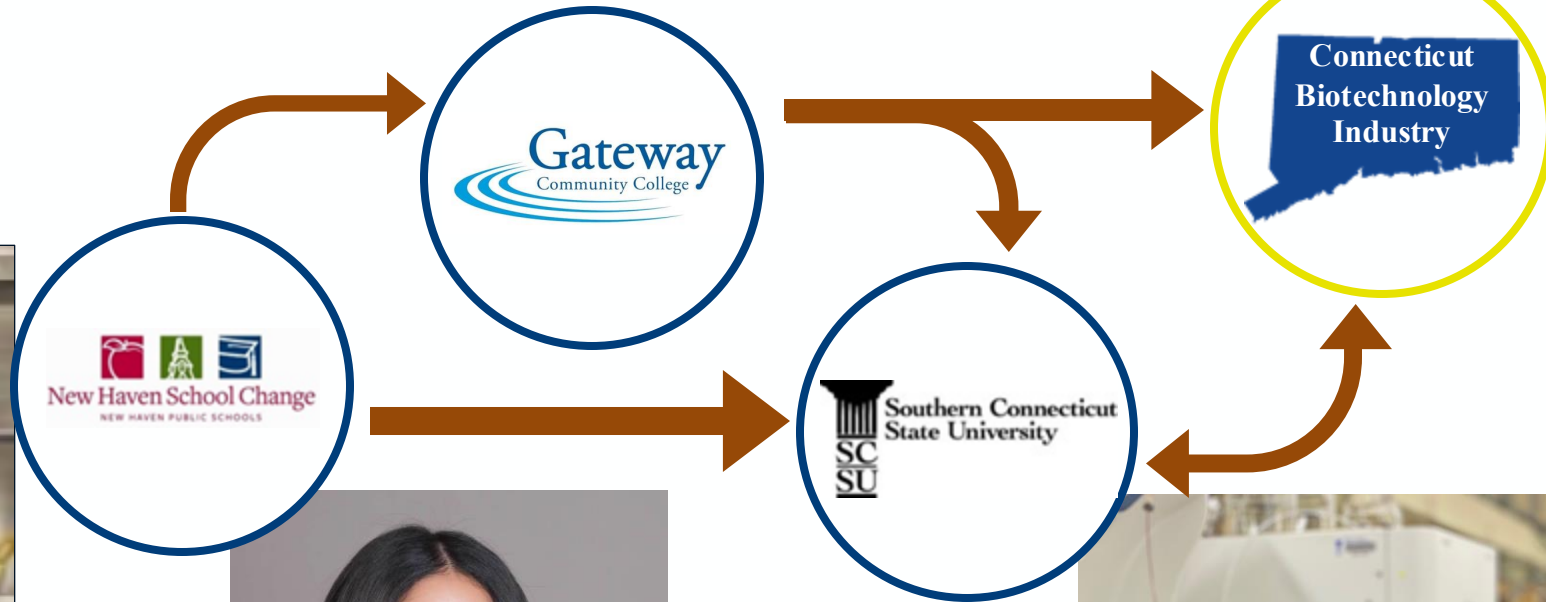
## Quantum Computing

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Global Quantum Computing Market

Valued at \$713.4 M in 2022,  
projected to reach \$6.5B in 2028

# Proof of Concept: Collegiate Partnership Programming - BioCity Pipeline Program into Bioscience for New Haven Public Students



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Physiology and Health in the Modern Environment



# Connecting Residents to Opportunity: BioPath

## Talent Development

Extensive collaboration between state and local partners has created a vision to connect New Haven youth and residents with world-class learning and employment opportunities.

By partnering with innovative local companies, this initiative increases equity and prepares a resilient generation of innovators to lead New Haven's creative economy. Support for physical development needs and development of a new coordinated training delivery model will leverage existing ARP and OWS funding streams for long-term sustainability.



# Thank You / Discussion

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