



TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER

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## TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER WELCOMES NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE BACK HOME

The National Business League (NBL) made history on August 23, 2023, by relocating its headquarters back to Tuskegee, AL after 123 years. Leaders held the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Tuskegee History Center. It happened during the "Pre-Conference Tuskegee Day" activities.

Tuskegee History Center Board Chairman and President Fred Gray welcomed NBL officials, who have committed to supporting the Center's continued operations and growth. Gray joined NBL officials and supporters in cutting the ribbon to mark the new chapter in history.

The league's CEO and president, Dr. Kenneth Harris said the relocation from Washington, D.C. is essential ahead of the 125th anniversary in 2025. The NBL is also rebranding itself as the "nation's venerable organization for black business in the world," said Harris.

The mayor of Tuskegee, Tony Haywood told WSFA the move by the NBL makes a powerful statement. "Something major was done back then to bring the National Business League together to support African Americans and those who were trying to take care of business," said Haywood. "It continues today."

Booker T. Washington founded the NBL as the National Negro Business League on August 23, 1900. It helps to "foster economic development, independence, and empowerment" for businesses, entrepreneurs and professionals within the black community.



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