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During the 116th Congress, Alma Adams' Landmark Legislation Hoisted HBCUs and Elevated Equity in Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. – During the 116th Congress, **Rep. Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)** was a tireless advocate for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as well as a consistent voice on equity issues in education. **Adams** serves on the House Committee on Education and Labor, and as the co-chair and founder of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.

“During the 116th Congress, education faced one of its greatest peacetime challenges. COVID-19 threatens the health and wellbeing of our students, teachers, and educators, and the economic fallout from the pandemic poses major challenges to higher education institutions,” **said Congresswoman Adams**. “However, legislation like the FUTURE Act will ensure HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions can continue to provide a pathway to success for over 5 million students.”

“In 2021, it’s essential that we correct the mistakes of the current Administration and get the pandemic under control so students and educators can return to the classroom safely. We have to continue to address the educational equity gap that has been widened by COVID-19. Finally, we must continue to work to ensure that our public education system opens doors of opportunity for all Americans.”

Adams' work on Education and Labor issues in the 116th Congress includes:

- [Adams' Landmark Bill, the FUTURE Act, Was Signed into Law](#)
- [Adams' HBCU PARTNERS Act Will Become Law with President Trump's Signature](#)
- [Adams Contributed Important Educational Provisions to the HEROES Act COVID-19 Relief Bill](#)
- [Adams' Bill Passed as Part of the House Apprenticeship Bill](#)
- [In May, Adams Led a Call to Cancel Student Loan Debt](#)
- [Adams Introduced the HBCU Capital Finance Debt Relief Act](#)
- [Adams & the HBCU Caucus Hosted the Third Annual Diversity in Tech Summit](#)
- [Adams Introduced Legislation on Eating Disorders in Schools](#)
- [Adams Led a House Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting on 1890s Land Grant Universities](#)
- [Adams Honored Her Nominees to United States Service Academies](#)
- [Adams Honored Educators during Teacher Appreciation Week](#)
- [Adams introduced the Bipartisan Equity in Student Loan Relief Act](#)
- [Adams Introduced the Gateway to Careers Act](#)
- [Adams Hosted the Third Annual HBCU STEAM Day of Action](#)
- [Adams Released a Virtual Graduation Message](#)
- [Adams Addressed Higher Education Infrastructure Needs in the Moving Forward Act](#)
- [Adams, a Former Art Professor, Celebrated the Congressional Art Competition Winners](#)
- [Adams Hosted a Virtual HBCU Day](#)
- [Adams Led a Congressional Letter in Support of the 1890s Land Grant Institutions](#)
- [Adams Introduced the Apprenticeship Access for All Act of 2020](#)

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. In August, [she wrote about the importance of HBCUs for Essence Magazine](#), which dubbed her the "Godmother of HBCUs."

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