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Paul Quinn College, founded by members of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Austin, Texas in 1872, is the oldest African-American liberal arts college in the state and one of the oldest west of the Mississippi River. The institution was named for Bishop Paul Quin who presided over the AME church in the western states for nearly 30 years.

In 1881 the college moved to Waco, Texas to be closer to the major black population centers of the state. In 1950 the college experienced a massive expansion. In the four years between 1950 and 1954 the campus added a campus church, a student union building, a new administration building, and a gymnasium.

In the 1960s further and renovations were made at the college including new residence halls, a two-story classroom building, a library, a fully equipped science building. In 1990 the college relocated for a third time, to Dallas, Texas. Today Paul Quinn College is one of the premier private HBCU's in Texas.