

Ideas to Improve Benedict

1. Benedict College app

- a. Possible Features:
 - i. E360 tab
 - ii. Campus police/Safety tab:
 1. Can be used to file a report/complaint about something seen on campus
 2. Easy way to contact campus police for safety.
 - iii. Cafeteria menu tab:
 1. This way students will be able to see what the cafeteria is serving for the day.
 - iv. Events/Announcements tab:
 1. Consists of the announcements/events that are occurring for the week.
 - v. Display an electronic version of student I.D. that can be scanned.
 1. Good for events and a faster way to enter the cafeteria.
 2. Helpful if students lose physical copy of I.D.
 - vi. Display virtual live shows:
 1. Follows safety precautions for COVID
 2. Helps the students at home feel included.
 3. Example: football games/Convocation
 - vii. Maps section
 - viii. "My calendar" section
 1. Includes due dates put in by professors
 - ix. Displays your schedule for the day
 - x. Message/Email tab
 - xi. Shopping section for BC merchandise/Bookstore items
 - xii. Tiger Alert pop-ups
 - xiii. Mass Comm majors can use the app as a media outlet. (BC News)

2. Shuttle bus

- a. To take Benedict students to the store and back. It could possibly run twice a week.

3. Benedict's version of Red Table Talk

- a. A weekly talk show that discusses important social topics.
 - i. Could feature guest speakers
 - ii. Includes live audience

4. Campus Garden/Farmer's market

5. Update game room

6. Have a business that the students can run!

- a. Example: Tuskegee University has a hotel on campus that is run by the students.
- b. The business could provide work for work-study students and also introduce students to experience within their desired profession.

7. Bottle re-fill stations

8. Individual temperature control for dorms

- a. Students should be able to individually control the heat/air in their dorms. We all come from different locations. What is hot/cold to one student is not what is hot/cold to another. (Personal note: In Illinois, we reached -40 in 2019 and normally reach -20. With this stated, I am used to colder temperatures. Being hot causes me to face numerous side effects.) Having self-controlled heat and air in each individual dorm can provide many benefits. If this idea is chosen, I would strongly recommend asking students how they prefer their room temperature on housing applications to avoid future roommate conflicts.

9. Charging stations for devices around campus

10. On-campus convenience store

- a. A corner store held on campus that provides snacks, coffee, toiletries, and other items.
- b. This prevents students from walking to other corner stores that are deemed unsafe.
- c. Provides jobs for students
- d. Possible location: Swinton center.

11. Partner with other HBCUs to create a “pen pal” system between students

- a. This can be used in seminar classes/professional pathways classes. Students would need to actively participate in the project to receive a grade.
- b. Apps like GroupMe or Google Teams can be used to communicate.
- c. Benefits: Networking, promotes social skills, demonstrates that there is no competition between HBCUs, ability to share knowledge, etc...