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The Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign is dedicated to establishing a $25 million current-use and endowed scholarship fund to support deserving Howard University students by directly addressing the gaps in financial aid.

Through this campaign, Howard University will:

- enhance student enrollment and retention;
- increase overall graduation rates;
- reduce student indebtedness; and
- increase student involvement in enrichment activities.

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Dear Friends:

As alumni of Howard University, we share the pride in all of the achievements our alma mater has made over the years. We delight in the fact that since 1998, the University has produced two Rhodes Scholars, two Truman Scholars, a Marshall Scholar, 30 Fulbright Scholars, 13 Rangel Fellows and 11 Pickering Fellows. We marvel when we come across Howard alumni at the top of their fields in every profession from science to law, communications, entertainment and more. Howard’s commitment to excellence has had a profound impact on our world.

Howard has also had a significant impact on our lives. Like many alumni, we both benefited from financial awards to help us fund our education. Had we not been the recipients of financial support, we likely would not have experienced the level of success that we enjoy today. In this current economic recovery, financial aid is more important than ever as the rising cost of education and shrinking resources are hampering the ability of many Howard students to realize their dreams of graduating from college. That’s why we decided to answer the call.

As co-chairs of the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign, we are committed to ensuring that every Howard student is able to complete his or her education despite financial challenges. Through the campaign, we will make sure that students do not have to stop their studies mid-stream because of limited access to loans, a parent’s job loss or unexpected medical bills that leave little money for college.

Last year, the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign provided nearly $400,000 in immediate aid to more than 200 students in need. Your donation will help us to make an even greater difference this year. We know firsthand the power the Howard community has to invoke change and transform lives. We invite you to embark on this mission to safeguard Howard’s legacy.

Stand up with us and answer the call!

Sincerely,

Jessye Norman, ’67

Larkin Arnold, Jr., Esq., ’69
Letter from the President

Dear Howard University Alumni and Friends,

Nearly every week, promising students come into the administration building to ask if there is anything that can possibly be done to help them stay at Howard. They are no longer able to afford their college education.

Retaining students and allowing them to thrive is at the core of what we do. Yet, every class that is dropped or extracurricular activity not pursued by one of our students takes us one step away from fulfilling the University’s mission.

As Howard continues to enhance the excellence of its undergraduate, graduate and professional academic programs, we must make sure that the University’s greatest resource – its students – can reap the benefits. Across the country, families are finding it challenging to secure sufficient funding for their children’s education. In fact, as a result of the economic climate, nearly 90 percent of Howard’s students require some form of financial aid. Many of our most promising students are having their academic careers interrupted because they cannot meet their financial obligations. We must answer the call.

The University is committed to ensuring that as many students as possible have the opportunity to achieve their educational dreams and contribute to Howard’s legacy of academic greatness. Last year, 600 students had to halt their studies because of financial difficulties. We need your help.

In order to address the gaps in the financial aid available to our students, the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign was launched to establish a $25 million current-use and endowed scholarship fund. Since the launch of the campaign, the Board of Trustees has committed $5 million. Now we turn to you to help us ensure that Howard continues to produce leaders for the nation and the world. No gift is too small as the Howard community comes together to overcome today’s economic challenges.

I look forward to your support of the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign and thank you in advance for answering the call.

Sincerely,

Sidney Ribeau
President

“The essence of Howard’s legacy, and those who support it, is found in financial and other forms of support. Let us prove that the University’s legacy is alive and well and in good hands.”

-Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, 16th President, Howard University

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Did You Know?

IN THE LAST 14 YEARS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY HAS PRODUCED ...

two Rhodes Scholars,

two Truman Scholars,

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30 Fulbright Scholars.
Since its founding in 1867, Howard University has strived to educate deserving young men and women, regardless of their financial circumstances. Unfortunately, today, the nation’s economic crisis has put a tremendous strain on many of our students. Pay cuts and unemployment continue to reduce or eliminate family contributions. Federal student aid is limited, leaving many students to question... how will I pay for my Howard degree?

Consider Howard student Andre D. Rosario. After watching his mother and grandfather suffer and die from cancer, Andre thought to himself that no one should have to endure so much physical pain. So he decided to pursue a career in oncology. His goal: To find solutions to ease the suffering of cancer patients.

Andre’s off to a great start. He earned a B.S. degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Howard in 2009 and expects to complete his M.D. degree by 2016. As an undergraduate, he served as a Post Baccalaureate Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health’s Cancer Institute. There, he conducted experiments that could aid in cancer defense.

Andre’s dream will make life better for future cancer patients, but that dream would have been deferred were it not for the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign. As a result of the scholarship that Andre received, he could worry less about money and focus more on medicine.

The campaign, a call to action launched last year by President Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., could not have come at a more urgent time.

While Howard’s four-year graduation rate exceeds the national average, students are taking longer to obtain their degrees and, in many cases, taking time off to pay for their education.

- As a result of the economic climate, almost 90% of Howard students require some form of financial aid, including scholarships.
- Nearly 10% of Howard undergraduates have dropped classes for financial reasons.
- Approximately 7% of enrolled students cannot continue their academic programs as a direct result of their inability to meet financial obligations.

For many families, paying for college is out of their reach, but you have the power to help students rise above this challenge. Your donation to the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign will ensure that Howard’s best and brightest have the funds they need to complete their studies and launch their careers.

Students like Andre need your help but, more importantly, the world needs the leadership, skills and solutions that future graduates like Andre will provide. The Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign is your opportunity to answer the call.
Wilbert Carpenter, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, is well on his way to reaching his dream of becoming an international business executive. A junior in the Howard University School of Business Executive Leadership Honors Program, he expects to complete his bachelor’s degree with close to a 4.0 grade point average. Wilbert has completed an internship at Google in Mountain View, California and participated in a study-abroad program in Paris, France.

“It is an honor to receive a Howard University donor scholarship. You have helped ease my financial challenges so that I can diligently work towards fulfilling my career goals.”

Tiffany Threadcraft, a third-year law student, earned her B.A. degree in History and Literature from Harvard University where she was honored as a recipient of the Harvard College Research Program Grant. Her career goal is to become a private funds account lawyer. She is a Howard University School of Law merit scholarship recipient, an NAACP Legal Defense Fund Earl Warren Scholar, and the 2011 recipient of the James M. Nabrit, Jr. Scholarship.

“These scholarships are important to me as a resource to offset the rising cost of graduate school...especially in my final year as I prepare to finance my impending bar study.”
Sasha-Kay M. Harriott, a junior in the Howard University College of Arts and Sciences, serves as President of the Psychology Club, Vice President of the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Association, mentor for America’s Promise, student researcher for Career Opportunities in Research and member of Black Professionals in International Affairs. Her energy and commitment have driven her to volunteer for numerous organizations, including DC Central Kitchen, Food Bank, Howard University Election Campaign 2011, and Chief Volunteer in 2010 for the HU Student Association.

“Howard University has always been a dream of mine and with your help I am able to see that dream continue to be a reality. The impact that this scholarship will have on my future is immense; I am able to continue on to my senior year and graduate.”

Caleb Davis is a junior electrical engineering major, president of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences Student Council and former member of the Freshman Leadership Academy since 2010. Caleb interned with Jones-Heroy & Associates Inc., where he assisted professional engineers with planning, management and administrative services on water utility projects in Texas. He also spends countless hours volunteering in the community. The Austin, Texas native would not be a student at Howard without the financial aid that he receives from the University. Caleb receives a University need-based grant that matches his annual federal Pell Grant. Howard also provides him with additional institutional aid, including donor scholarships.

“Howard has helped me establish myself as a confident and capable servant-leader by giving me a larger network and, more importantly, a strong support system. Howard has also given me an appreciation for the struggles of my ancestors and a greater respect for the giants that came before me.”
“The first time I visited Howard University’s campus, I felt as if I had arrived home. The legacy of the University drew me in but the spirit of the students kept me here. Because of the generous support of alumni, my road to graduation was that much easier. The need for alumni to give is even greater today. Without alumni support, we may never see the next Thurgood Marshall argue in front of the Supreme Court or hear the next Jessye Norman perform at Carnegie Hall or watch the next Kamala Harris make history in politics.”

- Phillip Jones, Class of 2012 at the 145th Howard University Charter Day Dinner celebration
In 2011, as a result of the critical financial need of Howard’s students, Trustees authorized the immediate disbursement of funds from the proceeds derived from the Student Aid Campaign. With Howard students likely to pay $40,000 - $55,000 annually to cover the cost of their education, we anticipate the need to be just as great this year and in the near future.

So what can you do? You can donate now. No donation is too small, as the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign needs your help raising the following:

**Current-Use Gifts:** Current use gifts will provide immediate assistance to students who demonstrate academic potential and financial need, with a special consideration given to students on the cusp of graduating from undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

**Endowed Fund Gifts:** Endowed gifts will add to the University fund in which the principal donations are invested and the interest funds scholarship awards in perpetuity, thus creating a lasting legacy of support for deserving Howard students.

**School and College Gifts:** The Campaign will also provide financial support based on the unique needs of the student population at each school or college.

Howard’s students are among the University’s greatest resources. We must all do our part to ensure that they have access to a first-rate education.

The Howard community has never turned away from a challenge.

The time to act is now. Please answer the call!

**To support the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign, please contact Nesta H. Bernard, Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations, at (202) 238-2348 or nbernard@howard.edu.**

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Description
Howard University, one of the nation’s leading research universities, is dedicated to educating students from diverse backgrounds at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. Guided by our extraordinary cadre of faculty, students are immersed in cutting-edge scholarship and innovation, including nanotechnology, human genome research, atmospheric science as well as the social sciences, arts and humanities.

Composition
In addition to the main campus in northwest Washington, DC, the University has a 22-acre west campus where the School of Law is located, a 22-acre School of Divinity campus in northeast Washington, and a 108-acre research facility in Beltsville, Maryland.

President
Sidney A. Ribeau is the 16th president of Howard University and the sixth African American to serve as its chief executive officer. Since taking office in August 2008, Ribeau has initiated a comprehensive academic renewal for all 170-plus academic programs; initiated a $150 million facilities renewal initiative; improved the University’s infrastructure and business operations; expanded the university’s international footprint; solidified its legacy of leadership and service; and enhanced its research capabilities, particularly in the STEM disciplines.

Enrollment
Annual enrollment at Howard is more than 10,000 with students from nearly all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Approximately 11% are international students, representing close to 100 countries.

Academic Programs
Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas within Howard’s 13 schools and colleges: Arts & Sciences; Business; Communications; Dentistry; Divinity; Education; Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences; the Graduate School; Law; Medicine; Nursing and Allied Health Sciences; Pharmacy; and Social Work. The University offers 16 master’s degree programs; 4 doctoral programs; 5 professional programs; 5 joint-degree programs; and 26 undergraduate programs.

Faculty
1,016 full time; 251 part time

Athletics
Howard University is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and the National Collegiate Athletic Conference, Division I.

Impact and Services in the Community
Howard’s motto, Veritas et Utilitas, or Truth and Service, is woven throughout its academic, student, faculty and research programs. Students, faculty and staff are actively involved in local, national and global service efforts to create awareness and provide solutions to help improve the quality of life in many communities.

Accreditation
Howard University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and its programs in specialized fields are accredited by numerous professional agencies.