Dear Alumni and Friends:

I was deeply honored when Howard University President Wayne A. I. Frederick invited me to serve as Alumni Chairwoman for the 2016 Charter Day Dinner to be held on the evening of Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Washington Hilton hotel in the District of Columbia. In an instant, I had become the beneficiary of a tremendous opportunity to serve my beloved alma mater. I am so proud to be a part of the Charter Day celebrations commemorating our rich history and 149-year legacy of excellence! It gives me great pleasure to invite you to join me at the Dinner, along with the president and members of the University’s Board of Trustees, corporate and foundation partners, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, in observation of this magnificent tradition that exemplifies the unique Bison experience.

As you know, the Charter Day Dinner is one of the most important events on the University’s annual calendar. Not only does it celebrate the founding of this extraordinary institution but it is especially symbolic of all that the University represents as we reconnect to enjoy an evening dedicated to acknowledging the awe-inspiring talents of Howard alumni and honor them for achieving excellence in their professions. As important, however, is raising funds to continue our legacy of producing graduates of like distinction. Listed below are just a few of the results that your past contributions have played a role in generating:

- Since 1988, Howard has produced 30 Fulbright Scholars, 11 Pickering Fellows, 2 Rhodes Scholars, 2 Truman Scholars and 1 Marshall Scholar.
- The National Science Foundation named Howard “Top producer of Undergraduates who later earn PhDs in Natural Sciences.”
- The Annals of Medicine ranks the College of Medicine among the top 3 schools meeting the nation’s medical needs.
- The Princeton Review ranks the School of Business among the Top 10 MBA programs and earns the #1 spot as “greatest opportunity for minority students.”
- National Jurist magazine ranks the School of Law among the top 20 public service schools.
- U.S. New and World Report recognizes Howard University for “strong commitment to teaching” at Top 100 Universities.
- StudentAdvisor.com ranks Howard University among the Top 100 social media colleges.

Outstanding academic accomplishments like these demonstrate what can be achieved through our collective efforts and explain why your support of the Dinner remains critically important to the enduring success of the University and its talented students, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of this event. All proceeds from the occasion will be directed toward the Bridging the Gap Student Aid Campaign to promote student retention.

We remain deeply appreciative of your ongoing loyalty and enthusiasm and look forward to your participation at Howard University’s 92nd Charter Day Dinner. A response card and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. For additional information, please call (202) 238-2430 or email nbernard@howard.edu.

Sincerely,

Debbie Allen

Enclosures