March 13, 2009

Dear Howard University Community:

I am pleased to announce the inauguration of Howard University’s 16th President, Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, during the week of April 13-19, 2009. Please save the date, Friday, April 17, 2009, as the Inauguration Convocation will convene at 10:00 a.m. in Burr Gymnasium. The Inauguration is significant in the life of the academy as we seek to mark a new chapter in Howard’s 142-year history and highlight the future direction of the University. We invite the entire Howard University community to come and witness this historic event.

Current economic conditions demand fiscal prudence; however, the significance of the moment requires us to remain steadfast in the preservation of our legacy and traditions as an institution. Mindful of this, we have successfully incorporated existing planned academic activities such as the Lincoln Bicentennial Conference, the 20th Anniversary of the Porter Colloquium, and the Faculty Authors Reception.

Please anticipate more detailed information on all inaugural activities following Spring Break. Additionally, a website for the inaugural events is available at www.howard.edu/inauguration.

Sincerely,

A. Barry Rand
Chairman