Dear Howard University Community:

The holiday season is fast approaching, bringing with it a special anticipation as we prepare to share its warmth and sense of hope and possibility with our close family and friends. This also is a time when all of us should express gratitude for our many blessings and, in true Bison spirit, extend ourselves in service to the less fortunate in our communities.

The week of October 11-19, thousands of alumni, their families and our neighbors visited the Capstone for excitement, fellowship and renewal. Together, we created an event to savor and remember, strengthening a common bond – our love and commitment to Howard University. I would like to thank all of our alumni, staff and students for their support and enthusiasm during the festivity-filled week and express my utmost appreciation for making our 90th annual Homecoming celebration nothing short of spectacular.

Alumni engagement is critical to the continued success of the Capstone and plays an instrumental role in accomplishing the goals that I have set as president in moving our beloved institution forward. I recently traveled to Silicon Valley to discuss how Howard University can help improve the diversity of the workforce in the technology industry. In addition to visits with executives at Yahoo and colleagues at Stanford University, I had the pleasure of meeting with Howard alumni who work at Google and Facebook. I had the opportunity to share some of the recent developments on campus with them and discuss their hopes and desires for alma mater. Their input and concerns were insightful and will be used to foster stronger connections between the University and the technology sector.

Finally, I encourage everyone to support our radio station, WHUR and its affiliated channels, in their annual Food 2 Feed campaign on Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the Woodrow Wilson Plaza at the Ronald Reagan Building. During the 12-hour broadcast, listeners can make monetary donations as well as donate non-perishable food items on-site. However, monetary donations can also be made via phone or online. For more information, please visit www.food2feed.org

Service is a way of life for the Bison family. Let’s continue to strengthen our rich legacy and make this season warmer and brighter for those in need.

In Truth and Service,

Wayne A.I. Frederick
President
Thousands of students and returning alumni joined in weeklong festivities to celebrate Howard University’s 90th annual Homecoming, Oct. 11-19. The intergenerational celebration featured fashion shows, electrifying concerts and a new alumni-focused YardFest experience. “It feels good to be part of the Yard again,” said Theresa Maxie (B.A. ’78). “I can hear people. I can see people. I just heard someone call my name. When I walked up to the Yard, it was a different atmosphere. This is nice.” This year’s Homecoming line-up introduced new elements that catered to families while other featured events focused on promoting health, wellness and academic excellence. On the Yard, students mixed with alumni to embrace friends, sample international cuisine and shop for souvenirs. Howard also partnered with the YMCA to host the “Children’s Pavilion” on the lower quad which provided supervised child-care services for guests on Friday and Saturday. Alumni enjoyed visiting their schools and colleges through campus open houses and reliving the joy of their Howard experience at alumni receptions and galas.

To view photos and read more, visit: http://www.howard.edu/news-room/releases/2014/20141021PrideandNostalgiaConvergeat2014Homecoming.html

TRUSTEE ROBERT LUMPKINS, SARA LUMPKINS DONATE $500,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Trustee Robert L. Lumpkins and Mrs. Sara Lumpkins recently contributed $500,000 to the University’s Bridging the Gap (BTG) Student Aid Campaign, continuing a pattern of generous donations to the Capstone. In 2013, Gavette Richardson, a native of Alabama who graduated from Trustee Lumpkins’ high school, was the inaugural recipient of the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship. She is now a second-year student at the Howard University School of Law. She credits Trustee Lumpkins with contributing to her success by believing in her and investing in her education. To view the video, visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaL_U080bO8

The goal of the BTG Student Aid Campaign is to raise $25 million in current-use and endowed scholarship and fellowship assistance that will directly address the gaps in financial aid for deserving Howard students. Board Chairman Stacey Mobley and President Frederick are aiming to boost fundraising efforts in support of the campaign by encouraging matching funds by June 30, 2015 from the following: $250,000 from the Board of Trustees; $125,000 from the alumni of the School of Law; and $125,000 from the alumni of the School of Business.

ALUMNA DANETTE GERALD HOWARD CHALLENGES ALUMNI TO GIVE BACK

Alumna Danette Gerald Howard ’97 and her husband, William, have endowed a fund with a gift of $100,000 to Howard University. They are urging members from classes of the ’90s to support the commemoration of the University’s upcoming Sesquicentennial by supporting the fund with matching gifts totaling $150,000. Funds can be sent to the Danette Gerald Howard Endowed Fund by visiting www.howard.edu/advancement/forms/givenow.htm. To view the video, visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Is1ULrnsdkg&feature=youtu.be
DR. LASALLE D. LEFFALL FEATURED AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE DEDICATION

The Office of Auxiliary Enterprises presented special dedication activities to welcome Barnes & Noble College as a new strategic partner of the University. As part of the Homecoming festivities, the bookstore hosted several alumni and VIP authors for book-signing events. Among the highlights: world-renowned cancer surgeon LaSalle D. Leffall Jr., M.D., FACS, spoke about his book, *Equanimity Under Duress: Calmness and Courage in the Battle Against Cancer*. Others included opera singer and alumna Jessye Norman, who wrote *Stand Up Straight And Sing! A Memoir*.

GALLERY OF ART HOSTS THE DIANNE WHITFIELD-LOCKE & CARNELL LOCKE COLLECTION

Howard University’s Gallery of Art is featuring more than 50 works created by some of America’s preeminent artists of the nineteenth century, the Harlem Renaissance and modern movements from The Dianne Whitfield-Locke & Carnell Locke Collection from Sept. 27 - Dec. 12. The Gallery of Art is located in Childers Hall, open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free. The exhibition draws from the private collection of Dianne A. Whitfield-Locke and her husband, Carnell R. Locke, and represents only a small portion of their collection of over 1,100 works. In conjunction with the collection, the gallery hosts a gathering of distinguished artists for various “Artist Talks” and a “Collectors’ Conversation.” On Oct. 26, the program featured acclaimed sculptor and public artist Richard Hunt, creator of Freedmen’s Column (1989) and *A Bridge Across and Beyond* (1978) at Howard University.

DEPT. OF THEATRE ARTS CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL OF ‘DUTCHMAN’ AND THEATRE DEDICATION TO HONOR AL FREEMAN

In October, the Department of Theatre Arts hosted a dual tribute to the late Professor Al Freeman, Jr., the esteemed actor who was a teacher and mentor to scores of students during a 23-year career at Howard. For three days, the Department hosted performances of Amiri Baraka’s *Dutchman* headlined by actor Lamman Rucker. Professor Freeman starred in the production in 1967. Performances were held in the Environmental Theatre Space within Childers Hall. The theatre was also dedicated and renamed “The Al Freeman, Jr. Environmental Theatre Space,” after a gift to the department by Sevara Clemon Freeman, the professor’s widow.

HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR HOSTS RECORDING SESSION

The Howard Gospel Choir, a performing arts group sponsored by the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, presented an electrifying live recording session on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Cramton Auditorium. Founded in 1968 on the campus of Howard University, the Howard Gospel Choir has become one of the premier college gospel choirs in the nation. The Choir has traveled internationally, recorded commercially and worked with notable gospel artists. The album will be released in 2015. For more information, email info@howardgospelchoir.com.
EXCELLENCE AT HOWARD

DARYL HARRIS, PH.D., SELECTED FOR FULBRIGHT AWARD

Associate Professor Daryl Harris, Ph.D., of the Howard University Political Science Department has traveled to Nigeria as the recipient of a 2014-2015 Fulbright Distinguished Research Award. His research will examine the understanding and relevance of African values and concepts to Black thought. Harris’ research began at the University of Ibadan’s Institute of African Studies in Ibadan, Nigeria.

DEAN LESLIE FENWICK APPOINTED TO SMITHSONIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Leslie T. Fenwick, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Education, was appointed to the Scholarly Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). The committee helps shape the museum’s intellectual agenda, exhibition content and programming.

DIVINITY SCHOOL WINS ‘SCIENCE FOR SEMINARIES’ AWARD

The School of Divinity recently received the Science for Seminaries Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to fund a pilot program geared toward connecting science and theology. The project, “Oh So Human, Yet So Divinely Complex: Science and Theology in the Exploration of Human Identity, Community and Purpose,” will include course offerings and campus events aimed at teaching students the relevance of the natural sciences to theology, ministry and spirituality. The project will bring together scientists, theological educators and clergy for conversations on important topics in science and religion. It will operate under the leadership of Frederick L. Ware, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology and project director.

HOWARD RECEIVES NEARLY $2 MILLION TO ADVANCE DIVERSITY AGING RESEARCH

Atanu Duttaroy, Ph.D., of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Kebretn Manaye, M.D., of the College of Medicine, have received a five-year federal grant of nearly $2 million to support the development of Howard University’s Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (HUIADAR) program. The goal of HUIADAR is to identify top minority students in medicine, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (MSTEM) disciplines, familiarize them with aging research and prepare them for graduate studies and professional careers in geriatrics and gerontology through extensive mentoring, scientific training and educational experiences. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) awarded the grant funds.

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