

MEMORANDUM

TO: President's Cabinet, Deans, Directors, Faculty, Staff, & Students

FROM: Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau
President

SUBJECT: 2008 Opening Convocation

DATE: September 10, 2008

The University will hold its Opening Convocation on Friday, September 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., in Cramton Auditorium, marking the beginning of the University's 141st academic year. As the sixteenth President of this great University, I am honored to deliver the address for this event as the entire University community welcomes the class of 2012 and our returning students.

The Convocation will begin with an academic procession in which members of the faculty, deans, administrative directors, and executive officers are expected to participate, attired in their appropriate academic regalia. Faculty and administrative directors are requested to assemble in the Lounge of Cramton Auditorium by 10:30 a.m. to prepare for the academic procession. Platform guests are requested to assemble in the Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, at 10:45 a.m.

To continue with tradition for this historic occasion, classes will be suspended, wherever practicable, on Friday, September 26th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Students are requested to arrive promptly by 10:15 a.m. for seating before the start of the academic procession.

To ensure our communication reaches everyone in our University community, we would appreciate your handling the further distribution of this memorandum to all supervisory personnel within your area of responsibility.