

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Howard University Community:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nancy Cantor has been selected by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) to serve as the Chair of the evaluation team that will assess Howard University for reaffirmation of its accreditation status. Dr. Cantor, along with the evaluation team, will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating the institution's compliance with the MSCHE standards. The Chair will visit the campus during the month of June in preparation for the fall 2009 visit.

Dr. Cantor is the eleventh Chancellor and President of Syracuse University. Prior to her appointment at Syracuse, Dr. Cantor served as Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan. She has also served as the Dean of Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Princeton University, and Professor of Psychology and Senior Research Scientist at the Institute of Social Research.

When Dr. Cantor served as Provost at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, she was critical in the development of the landmark affirmative action case, *Gratz v. Bollinger*. An author of numerous books, chapters, and scientific journal articles, Dr. Cantor holds an A.B. from Sarah Lawrence College and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University. She is the past Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association for Higher Education and former Chair of the Board of the American Council on Education. Chancellor Cantor serves on the Board of the American Institutes for Research, the Advisory Board of Future of Minority Studies, the Board of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, the Board of Governors for the New York Academy of Sciences, and the Paul Taylor Dance Foundation Board of Directors. She is an Honorary Trustee of the American Psychological Foundation.

We are fortunate to have Chancellor Cantor as the Chair of the evaluation team because of the depth and breadth of her knowledge on higher education issues. Howard University will surely benefit from her leadership of the evaluation team as we seek reaffirmation of our accreditation and plan for the University's future.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. Ribeau  
President

