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November 18, 2016

Dear Morehouse College Community:

As we head into the last stretch of 2016, we have much to celebrate. This January marks the beginning of our year-long Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration. I am privileged to serve as President of our treasured institution at this special and important moment. Celebration planning is underway and involves faculty, students, staff, alumni, our corporate partners, the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta History Center, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and countless other partners and organizations.

The theme for our Sesquicentennial Celebration is ***A House United***. This highlights Morehouse's position as a unifying force around the globe and here at home, particularly in light of our current national conversation around the challenges facing African Americans. To continue as this unifying force will require the collective spirit of the Morehouse community, as well as donors, friends, other educational institutions, and the Atlanta community. The world needs more Morehouse Men who exhibit the values we embody of demonstrating acuity, practicing integrity, exhibiting agency, and being committed to brotherhood and leading consequential lives.

The ***A House United*** theme is malleable and should be used by all celebrating with us to speak to the myriad ideas, principles, and platforms that Morehouse always has represented and will continue to support as we work to grow and strengthen a movement during our 150th year. We invite all of our community members, partners and friends to imagine how they can speak power to Morehouse being ***A House United***. We are ***A House United*** for 150 years and beyond. We are ***A House United*** for Social Justice. We are ***A House United*** for Black Male Excellence. We are ***A House United*** for Economic Equity.

This year traditional events such as the Candle in the Dark Gala and Homecoming will take on special meaning. You will not want to miss them. Also, we will have dynamic new programming built around the theme and our 150 years. We will introduce a book and film festival, as well as a torch relay from our birthplace in Augusta, Georgia across the 150 miles it takes to reach our campus. We are asking everyone who knows and loves Morehouse to participate over the next year. The best way to stay informed is to visit one of two specially created websites that contain event information, ways to participate and support the College, and a historical timeline: www.morehouse150th.com or www.morehousesesquicentennial.com. You can receive frequent updates by signing up for the 150th mailing list as well.

We are honored to be one of eight historically black colleges and universities celebrating 150 years. This is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of HBCU's in higher education and examine the critical steps required to ensure that Morehouse is around for the next 150 years.

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Those of us working on campus continue to focus our energies on doing just that—completing the work that is at times challenging, but required to create the infrastructure that prepares Morehouse to compete as a top institution well into the next century.

I look forward to celebrating with each of you over this next year as we unite and empower Morehouse for the future.

Onward and Upward,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Silvanus Wilson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John Silvanus Wilson, Jr.
President