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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Southernites and Friends:

As you know, I am a proud graduate of the College of Business. This week, the College hosted the AACSB International Accreditation Peer Review Team as part of the CoB's accreditation process. I enjoyed the kick-off dinner Sunday night with the review team. Special thanks and best of luck to Dean Donald Andrews and his talented team of administrators and faculty.

Academic excellence and innovation aptly describe a Southern University education. This semester, I've had the privilege of co-teaching Trial Advocacy with 19th Judicial District Court Judge Donald R. Johnson at the Southern University Downtown Baton Rouge location. Judge Johnson has been an absolutely wonderful professor. We have been conducting a mock trial in his courtroom and working with his staff the last two weeks. What a great, realistic experience. These budding trial lawyers are getting an education that is second to none. Thanks to all of our alumni and supporters who give back to Southern and provide our students these sorts of incredible educational opportunities.

I am also pleased to report that our downtown high school partner, Mentorship STEAM Academy, has made incredible progress over the last seven years of its existence. The high school, an inner city public school, has just learned that it moved up to a B-rated school this year by the Louisiana Department of Education. This is further indication that the pipeline to higher education with our downtown high school partner is becoming stronger. Likewise, I am absolutely thrilled that Southern University Laboratory School has become an A-rated school! Congratulations to the academic leaders and faculty who have worked so hard to improve the academic performance of our Laboratory School. It is an incredible distinction to have our Laboratory School ranked as one of the top-performing schools in our state.

I am looking forward to traveling to Houston today for the Texas Southern University football game. Houston Chapter President, Pamela LeBrane, and the Houston Jaguars have planned a very big weekend for all of us. As our season is approaching the home stretch, I want to once again thank all of our alumni chapters from across the country for hosting our athletic programs and students, as they have traveled both near and far. This is not just limited to football. I had a great conversation with Washington, D.C. Chapter President, Vincent Brown, and his amazing wife, Verna Brown, about the great time they had hosting the SU Women's soccer team a few weeks ago in Washington, D.C. Likewise, I had a great conversation at the Prairie View game with the Southern University men's basketball coach, Morris Scott, about his ideas to ensure that his

team goes to cities around the country where alumni can see the Jaguars play. Needless to say, the Jaguar family is a tight-knit bunch.

Marian and I are looking forward to the trip to Houston this weekend to cheer on the mighty Jaguars to another big victory!

Sincerely serving Southern,



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