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Morehouse Board of Trustees Announces Leadership Change

-- Dr. John Wilson to Complete his Service as President of Morehouse College

ATLANTA – January 15, 2017 – The Morehouse College Board of Trustees and President John Wilson announce that Dr. Wilson will complete his service as President of Morehouse College when his contract ends in June 2017. Dr. Wilson will pass the baton to a new President allowing that person to build on his recent achievements as Morehouse enters its 150th year celebration.

Dr. Wilson was appointed in November 2012 and will serve as President of Morehouse College through June 2017.

“The Board of Trustees recognizes Dr. Wilson’s significant contributions to the College and its students, faculty and alumni,” said Robert Davidson, Chairman of Morehouse College’s Board of Trustees. “Dr. Wilson turned around Morehouse in a number of ways. During his tenure, Dr. Wilson improved student achievement across a wide range of metrics.

“He and his team were champions for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) initiatives for our students and significantly increased the College’s private gifts, grants and contracts,” Davidson added. “In addition, Dr. Wilson played a pivotal role in bringing President Barack Obama to Morehouse as the commencement speaker in 2013, and hosting Vice President Biden in 2015.”

Board Trustee Ambassador Andrew Young said that Dr. Wilson “has established a clear, long-term vision for the future of Morehouse and leaves the institution with a solid foundation upon which to build.”

“He has helped to ensure that Morehouse College continues to serve as the premier educational institution to develop men for lives of leadership and service,” Young said.

Dr. John Wilson, President of Morehouse College, said that he is “proud” of his tenure at Morehouse.

“I am proud of the work we have achieved and the obstacles we have overcome while serving as President of Morehouse College,” Dr. Wilson said. “I am particularly proud that alumni fundraising was significantly enhanced, with donations from alumni and the Board of Trustees reaching record levels over the past two years.”

The Board will focus on identifying new leadership to continue providing Morehouse students with the highest degrees of academic excellence.

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Ranked America’s fifth “Most Entrepreneurial College” by Forbes Magazine in 2015, Morehouse College is the nation’s largest liberal arts college for men. Founded in 1867, the College enrolls approximately 2,100 students and historically has conferred more bachelor’s degrees on black men than any other institution in the world. Morehouse College has produced more Rhodes Scholars than any other HBCU. Prominent alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize laureate; Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General; Shelton “Spike” Lee, American filmmaker; Maynard H. Jackson, the first African American mayor of Atlanta, Ga.; and Jeh Johnson, the Secretary of Homeland Security.