



from the desk of

President Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

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Dear Coppin Family:

Over the past four months, novelist and philanthropist, McKenzie Scott, has pursued a mission to share her wealth through funding various causes. One such cause is her desire to support HBCUs. Ms. Scott has selected and supported HBCUs in the District of Columbia, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana.

Earlier this week, she expanded her generosity into the State of Maryland. Ms. Scott awarded \$40 million to Morgan State, \$25 million to Bowie State, and \$20 million to UMES. These were unsolicited donations, and there was no required action on the part of the universities that were selected.

Unfortunately, we were not selected and; therefore, did not receive any funding from Ms. Scott. It is unclear why but, please, note I am working to find out.

As a member of the HBCU family, we are excited for our sister institutions but also extremely disappointed that only three of our state's four HBCUs received funding.

I thought it was important to share this message in an effort to help curtail rumors and conspiracy theories about why Coppin was omitted. Despite not being selected this round, we will forge ahead. We are Coppin! Thanks for all you do and, together, let's continue to move our University forward.

Take care, be well and Go Coppin!



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