Dear Eagle Nation:

Black History Month (BHM) is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. This year at CSU, the BHM theme, “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity,” explores the African diaspora, the reach and impact of Black families across the United States.

Given this focus, my wife, my daughters, and I had the pleasure of kicking off CSU’s Black History Month activities, earlier today, with a thoughtful virtual conversation. This year, a variety of events are planned, focusing on various aspects of Black family life, such as their varied images, evolution, challenges, threats, opportunities, and strengths. Activities will include a range of presentations and discussions ranging from diet and cooking to Black entrepreneurship presented by members of the Coppin community, and beyond—we even have an event with our very own, Mayor Brandon M. Scott, of Baltimore City.

I encourage you to participate in BHM events that are happening, throughout the month, whether on campus or in the community. Black history is American history.

University Highlights

Coppin State University is committed to excellence in every area of service and has made significant progress in the area of diversity. The university continues to make strides in improving its academic and research programs, and I am pleased to share some of the highlights from the past year:

CSC Psychology Program Named One of the Nation’s Best Public College Values 2021

I am proud to share that a recent study has recognized CSU as one of the nation’s best public colleges for psychology majors.

The study, conducted by BrokeScholar.com, analyzed more than 100 colleges in the United States, using data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), of colleges with a selective fall 2019 admission rate of less than 40 percent, and evaluated them in terms of their affordability and academic quality, specifically in the areas of psychology and sociology. The study found a variety of options, both public and private, that effectively combine affordability and solid education, with large numbers or percentages of students completing a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Unsurprisingly, CSU was one of them. Late last week, a Forbes article reported on the study.

Congratulations, and thanks to faculty, staff, and Dr. Beverly O’Bryant, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, for ensuring that our students have the very best educational opportunities for success!

CSC Graduate Studies

Dean to Lead CASE

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Mary Owens-Southall has been appointed as interim dean of the university’s College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, effective immediately. Dr. Owens-Southall currently serves as dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and she will continue in this capacity. She will be assisted in her role by Dr. Jacqueline Williams, former CSU Chairperson of the Department of Instructional Leadership and Professional Development. They both add a wealth of CSU knowledge and professional expertise to the university, and I am excited for their appointment and acceptance to these new roles.

Lastly, thank you for continuing your commitment to keeping our campus safe during these challenging times. Our latest COVID-19 updates can be found here.

Take care, be well, and Go Eagles!

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