



BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

**Update on the Search for the University's 8th President
November 14, 2022**

Dear Wildcats:

I am pleased to update the Bethune-Cookman University family on the search for our beloved institution's eighth president. Selecting a chief executive is foremost among the primary responsibilities of the University's Board of Trustees. Earlier this year, the Board embraced the task of finding the next visionary leader to carry the legacy of our dear founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. As we said then, "The University is committed to a thorough and inclusive search process amongst a diverse pool of qualified candidates." We seek a leader who can meet the challenges we face; take advantage of the opportunities with which we are blessed; and inspire every member of the campus community to serve with the head, heart, and hand.

To advise the Board of Trustees on this most important task, the Presidential Search Committee has been assembled and will begin its work this month. The members of the Search Committee combine diverse backgrounds and perspectives with a focus on the best interests of the institution and Dr. Bethune's legacy. On behalf of Wildcat Nation, I would like to thank these individuals, who represent students, alumni, faculty, staff, and our community, for their service to B-CU.

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The Search Committee will carry out a multi-step process. We will keep you updated on the status of the search as meaningful news becomes available using various means, including a newly created website: www.presidentialsearch.cookman.edu.

Bethune-Cookman University is an institution with a rich history, vibrant legacy, noble mission, and – I believe – bright future. Our next president must not only understand where we have been but also navigate the untraveled road ahead of us. I hope that all those who love B-CU will join us in this search process with your prayers and support. Together, we will secure the success and prosperity of the school that Mary built.

Hail Wildcats,

Hon. Belvin Perry, Jr. Esq.
Chair of the Presidential Search Committee

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