



A Message *from the*
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Yellow Jacket Family:

It is an honor to be the first alumnus to be selected by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors to serve as your interim president starting today. The faith they have shown in me, combined with the tremendous support expressed to me by students, faculty, staff, and alumni is humbling. As a proud alumnus of the University, I will strive every day to do what is best for this place we love so dear.

Special thanks to Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins for his service as our University's 11th president and I wish him and his family well, as they move to Maryland. The impact that Dr. Jenkins had on the University will last for years.

As I plan to move the University forward, there are several important personnel changes that will take place effective Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Dr. Scott Woodard has been named Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. J. Paige Carney has been named Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and will continue as Dean of the College of Professional Studies.

Eric Jackson will serve as my Chief of Staff and will continue to serve as the University's Director of Title III Programs.

Institutional Research will be transferred to the Provost's Office.

My administrative team and I are continuing to develop plans for the fall semester and will make the final decision based on what is best for the safety and health of State students, faculty and staff, but until further notice, we will continue to work remotely.

In the days and weeks ahead, I look forward to working with each and every one of you. We will continue to build on the positive gains the University has experienced. Together, we will navigate these unprecedented times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and will come through stronger than before to enjoy the bright days we all know are ahead.

Take care, stay well.

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