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Dear Campus Community, Alumni and Stakeholders,

Happy New Year! I wanted to open 2010 with a state of Cheyney University report to you.

We start the decade with a major transition in key staff at the University, including new vice presidents for Finance and Administration and Student Affairs. Our financial situation is greatly improved with almost \$5 million in tuition and other fees collected. Our enrollment has stabilized. With new student housing and other capital improvements underway, Cheyney University is once again positioned to be a premier institution that will serve our students and the Commonwealth well.

A link has been placed on our website for your perusal. It will be updated periodically as activities warrant. I encourage you to share this link with fellow alumni and stakeholders. I also ask you to visit my blog, follow us on Twitter and join us on Facebook, as well as in *Vital Communication*, our monthly newsletter and the Cheyney University alumni magazine. Here you will learn more about our extraordinary students, very talented faculty and staff as well as our alumni who continue to make us proud.

Later this spring, we will break ground on a new 400 bed residence hall – the first new residence hall at the university in more than 30 years. Additionally, we are planning for a new advanced science and technology building and should begin construction on that project in 2011.

Our students continue to demonstrate the value of Cheyney University for the Commonwealth and the nation. Recently, a student contacted us to tell us that she is working on her doctorate at the University of Delaware on a full scholarship. There are many more stories like this that are not sensational, so they do not make the news. Lastly, Cheyney University has been providing amazing leaders since 1837, and we will continue to do this for the Commonwealth and the nation.

Some of you might have seen a recent article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, which stated that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) had issued a warning letter to the university. Be assured, we are addressing the issues raised in the letter and will rectify any problems that might exist. The university remains fully accredited, and I am confident that we will become an even stronger university as a result of the many ongoing efforts that were cited above.

You can be proud of your university, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Michelle R. Howard-Vital, Ph.D.  
President