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### MOREHOUSE LEADERS FULLY SUPPORT THEIR COLLEGE PRESIDENT

**ATLANTA, GA** -- A two-day Morehouse College Board of Trustees meeting this weekend ended with both the Board Chair and President of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association reaffirming their full support of the College's 11<sup>th</sup> president, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79.

# Statement from Morehouse College Board of Trustees Chairman Robert C. Davidson '67 and Morehouse College National Alumni Association President Howard C. Willis '76

As Chairman of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees and President of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association and alumni leadership, we have a fiduciary duty and a moral obligation to use our best efforts to advance the welfare and ascendancy of our revered alma mater.

For nearly four years, Morehouse has been privileged to have as its president, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79, a leader who shares our passionate dedication to the continued progress and growth of this great institution. We have witnessed the zeal and commitment with which Dr. Wilson has addressed the challenges confronting Morehouse during his tenure.

The continued success of Morehouse College is dependent upon the commitment and contributions of all Her sons and of those who share our love for Her. Dr. Wilson has issued a clarion call for us to join together to realize the "World of Our Dreams." As Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association, we remain steadfast in our embrace of this quest.

"The president of Morehouse College will continue in his role and the board fully supports him," said Board Chairman Robert C. Davidson Jr. '67.

This sentiment was echoed by Dr. Howard C. Willis '76, president of the Morehouse College National Alumni Association, adding, "The National Alumni Association, along with its leadership, fully supports Dr. Wilson."

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#### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

Ranked the nation's fifth most entrepreneurial college by Forbes Magazine in 2015, Morehouse College is the nation's largest liberal arts college for men. Founded in 1867, the College enrolls approximately 2,100 students and historically has conferred more bachelor's degrees on black men than any other institution in the world. Morehouse College has produced more Rhodes Scholars than any other HBCU. Prominent alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize laureate; Dr. David Satcher, a former U.S. Surgeon General; Shelton "Spike" Lee, an American filmmaker; Maynard H. Jackson, the first African American mayor of Atlanta, Ga.; and Jeh Johnson, the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.