

*An Open Letter to the
Students of The College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (CNAHS)*

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Dear CNAHS Student:

There are no words to truly express how remorseful I am about the devastation of both Annex I and Annex II, caused by the weather-related infrastructure damage that has negatively impacted the University. Although these buildings house the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are our primary concern. As your Dean, I want to assure you that I am working with a team of talented and diligent individuals who are giving their attention to the restoration of these buildings. The facilities team is working 24 hours per day and 7 days per week to complete repairs. The goal is to see that you, our beloved students, continue to receive the quality education that you have invested in, and that Howard provides. We know that adverse situations, circumstances and conditions will come, but God did not bring you this far to fail, but to magnify your success here at Howard University.

Please know that “*a building does NOT a College make....*” In other words, these events will not interfere with the successful implementation of your academic pursuits, nor will they alter our ability or desire to make exceptional educational tools available to you. You will continue to receive the excellent education which you are accustomed to receiving here at Howard. As we navigate this spring semester, certainly there will be challenges. However, in true Howard spirit, we will use these challenges as stepping stones to grow, to develop, and to overcome obstacles. “*Strength comes not from what one can do, it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t do...*” The College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences **will** not only survive, but will thrive during this difficult time. We will be unstoppable! Our board scores will continue to rise, our educational components will continue to be second to none, and you, our prize students, will demonstrate to the world that even amid unusual circumstances and in an unconventional setting, you will continue to receive an excellent education and perform exceptionally. You will go on demonstrating what “*Academic Excellence*” is as a Howard student.

There is a resilient spirit within us that will bring us through every test and trial. It is times such as these which emphasize that we indeed are, have always been, and will continue to be **Bison Strong**. We bleed blue, and there is nothing that we can’t overcome with God’s help. Keep calm, we got this....

I Remain your Dean;

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