



Barber-Scotia College
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Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the Barber-Scotia College Board of Trustees and Staff, let me thank you for your support of this institution. As some of you may know, Barber-Scotia College lost its accreditation in 2004. The loss of our accreditation meant that we were no longer eligible for Department of Education Federal Financial Aid, and we also lost membership in the UNCF (United Negro College Fund). These losses have had a major impact on the College's ability to operate effectively, and on students' abilities to obtain college funding.

The College has really struggled to meet its monthly commitments, particularly after we lost eligibility for funding from the Presbyterian Church Joy Fund in December 2012. The Board has operated the College for the past several years with a deficit, since most of our students have been unable to maintain current accounts, and our external support has been very limited. This has also impacted our ability to employ adequate faculty, staff, provide meals, etc., to support our student population.

Today, we are standing at a crossroads, with several entities interested in partnering with us to give Barber-Scotia a new future. In order to take advantage of these opportunities, the Board has found it necessary to reorganize and restructure the institution for more effective operations in the future. We are therefore suspending classes for the Spring 2016 semester, while the Board of Trustees restructures the institution and seeks additional partners to support the mission of a New Barber-Scotia College. We will open the New Barber-Scotia for the Fall Semester of 2016. During this period, we are requesting that you bring outstanding accounts current. This will be a prerequisite for reenrollment. In the meantime, Barber-Scotia College will be working on your student's behalf. We will ensure that there will be no negative impact to future athletic eligibility.

This is a challenging time for our institution, but we believe that the New Barber Scotia College will be a stronger and more viable institution. We also believe that our opportunities for the future have grown out of this current crisis, and that the New Barber-Scotia College will serve many generations to come.

Thank you for your continuing moral, financial, and physical support, and we look forward to seeing each of you on campus in September.

Sincerely yours,

Barry Green

Barrie Green, Chairman
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