



Friday, February 14, 2014

Dr. Ron Kroll, Director
ABHE Commission on Accreditation
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Dear Dr. Kroll:

Thank you for your superb leadership over the past few years, and the professional leadership and guidance provided by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Since our initial conversation regarding our current status in compliance with ABHE Standards and Criteria, the College has made significant progress. These include additional revenue streams that will ensure the fiscal health of the College, as well as diverse methods of assessing student learning outcomes; however, as we both agree more time will be needed to, not only seeing the desired results, but assessing them in light of projected goals and objectives. For this reason, we have decided to withdraw, temporarily, from our accredited status, but seeking an affiliate relationship over the next year. We will seek reinstatement as soon as the results are in, as well as evaluated. As we will certainly maintain close ties with ABHE over this next year, please note the following as an initial report of our ongoing progress and improvement.

First, we have a Certificate of Deposit (COD), in the amount of \$41,600 (plus interest), which will be released the United States Department of Education (USDE), along with their final review of responses to their Program Review findings. The College did provide evidence that some of their findings were unfounded, and we sent the documentation as proof. Our Certified Public Account (CPA) has intervened in discussing the matter with the USDA Compliance Officer, as he prepares for an audit of our financial statements.

Second, enrollment has increased by 30 percent during the last academic year. Though we selected to withdraw, temporarily, from Title IV Participation, none of our returning students had to sit out or withdraw. Additionally, we provided 25 percent tuition waiver to four new students. We operated, during this past year, at lowered cost, but maintained a level of performance that did not compromise the quality of the educational experience. We believe that becoming state certified will give more recognition, but will also generate funding and tuition for new students to receive training at WLBC. Our programs have gained both city- and state-wide attention.

Third, we launched a new initiative in August, 2013 (Sports and Athletics in Fundraising), which goes hand in hand with our First-Step-Second Chance Program. Though finance is a critical need, the sports program has spiritual, educational, social, personal, and professional aims. This project began with our Golf Tournament (Homecoming 2014), in August of last year. From this event, we developed a relationship with a former Harlem Globetrotter, which has materialized into several games planned in various locations, through alumni relations and our

denominational sponsor. This development team includes board members, administration, alumni, professional athletes, denominational supporters, and community partners. By March 31, 2014, we will have recruited the 75 projected development team members.

The games that have been confirmed are listed below. The ticket sales will be ongoing, for at least three areas, simultaneously.

- Howard University (March 22, 2014), hosted through Alumni and Denominational Sponsor.
- Virginia State University (March 29, 2014), hosted by Alumni and Denominational Sponsor.
- Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School (April 5, 2014), hosted by Alumni and Denominational Sponsor.
- High School in Durham (June 14, 2014), hosted by Alumni and Denominational Sponsor. Once those principals in the North Carolina area heard what we were doing, invitations are coming faster than we can plan, for additional games.
- Orlando, Florida (July 26, 2014), where one of our honorees (Frank "Shake N Bake" Streety), is laboring with one of our alumni members, and also Youth of America, to provide support in this endeavor.

One of our goals, to engage our alumni in the College's development initiatives, is being achieved through this sports program. We hope to have at least 40 percent of our graduates involved, at some level, by December 2014.

Once again, we look forward, with great anticipation to overall improved institutional performance, gearing up for self-study completion, and witnessing God's mighty acts, through the vessels and servants of this Institution.

In His grip,

Elaine McQueen

Interim President

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