Dear Alumni and Friends,

This year’s theme *New Century, New Direction for Excellence* is rather fitting as we cross into a new era at the university, and welcome our eighth president — Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover (’74). I hope you are making plans to be a part of the Homecoming Celebration scheduled for October 20-26, 2013.

Homecoming at Tennessee State University is unlike any other…it’s a time to reconnect with old friends, classmates and reminisce about the days you walked the campus as a student. If you have not returned to campus, it is truly a must see. The positive changes and growth are remarkable. Although there has been much expansion, the traditions of “Tennessee State A. & I.” remain sound.

Please take a moment to review this publication as it is filled with information regarding Homecoming Week. As you peruse the events schedule and decide which activities you plan to attend, I especially hope you will stop by the Alumni Blue Out Mixer. Also, Homecoming is just not Homecoming without attending the Charles Campbell Fish Fry. We will end the weekend with a bang by supporting the All-Access Granted VIP Farewell Finale hosted by the National Alumni Association.

Last, but certainly not least, I encourage you to support our students by making a gift to the President’s Challenge through the New Century Brick campaign. Yes, the bricks are back! For a limited time, you can support the President’s Challenge and leave your legacy all at the same time (please see page 12 for details).

Your participation is important to the success of our university and our students. Tennessee State University is special to all of us, and I hope you will take the time to share with our students what TSU means to you.

I look forward to you seeing you and your family in October.