



Office of the President and Dean



Dear MSM Faculty, Staff and Students,

I am extremely proud to announce that The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation has awarded a \$3 million gift to Morehouse School of Medicine to support the \$25 million first phase of our academic expansion initiative. This is the largest financial commitment that the foundation has awarded to MSM and is the second largest gift received in as many months for the expansion. In mid-September, MSM announced a gift from Hank and Billye Aaron, also in the amount of \$3 million. Both gifts demonstrate a renewed confidence the community has placed in the leadership and direction of MSM.

As you know, the Phase 1 expansion of the Hugh Gloster building aspires to deliver a fully technologically advanced facility that encourages innovative thinking among students and faculty. The Academic Expansion initiative includes renovations to the 1st and 2nd floors of Gloster and the addition of a new, two-story student pavilion with a rooftop space. The pavilion addition will carry the name "Billye Suber Aaron Pavilion." The renovations include fully integrated technology-enabled classrooms and auditoriums, and multidisciplinary learning spaces for collaborative and quiet study. Phase 1 construction will break ground in January 2016 and is scheduled to be completed October 2018.

The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation is an independent private foundation that seeks to improve the quality of life in Georgia by investing in health, education, economic opportunity and community vitality. We are extremely thankful for this investment in helping prepare our future health learners and leaders to carry on our vision of leading the creation and advancement of health equity.

I thank you for your continued commitment, and I commend you all for your exemplary service to Morehouse School of Medicine.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D." followed by a small flourish.

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