



LETTER FROM THE *President*



Hello, Morehouse students, faculty, and staff -

I am writing to address the unfortunate incident that occurred during the basketball game against Tuskegee on Saturday. There was an escalated incident that resulted in Tuskegee's head coach Benjy Taylor's brief detainment and escort off the court by a safety officer, after asserting there was a breach in game management and safety protocols. The College issued an apology directly to Coach Taylor on the night of the game, as the detainment did not reflect the desires that we have for Morehouse. Morehouse staff quickly connected with Tuskegee and the SIAC leadership to collaborate on a path forward in goodwill. Since then, the incident involving the officer and Coach Taylor has become an active legal matter, limiting further comments.

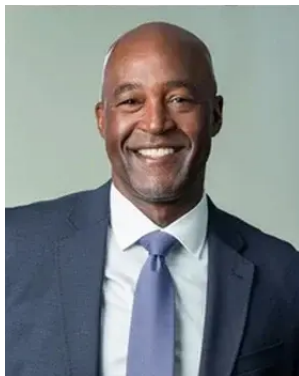
To fully understand what took place, Morehouse did not rush to issue public commentary but rather collected information for broader context, including video footage and interviews with witnesses. Many public accounts have not

fully and accurately captured the context of what occurred and, in some cases, have mischaracterized our students and the institution. As an attendee at the game, I did not observe conduct that was clearly outside of what is commonly seen at competitive collegiate athletic events, specifically at the conclusion of a winning home game, when fellow Morehouse students were congratulating the Morehouse basketball players.

The SIAC published a statement on Monday announcing the conclusion of an investigation and issuing sanctions against Morehouse related to crowd control and safe entry and exit at the game. While Morehouse leadership and I take the SIAC's findings seriously, we have questions about an investigation that did not include a request for the College's input but ultimately determined responsibility and a fine. This falls short of the due diligence expected of a fair and comprehensive process, and we are engaging directly with the SIAC to reconsider, given the precedent such decisions set for all SIAC institutions.

As we move forward, Morehouse will continue to stand for integrity, accountability, and responsible leadership. We will engage constructively while advocating for fair treatment and accurate representation, consistent with our legacy of upholding standards that have defined Morehouse College for more than a century.

Sincerely,



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13th President

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