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I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to all the students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni of Howard University gathered to celebrate our 100th homecoming.

HBCU homecomings have long been a source of strength and celebration. I have so many fond memories as a student at "The Mecca," and I recognize that my time at Howard shaped me into the person I am today. At Howard, we learn that we have the capacity to be great and also that we have the responsibility to work hard to live up to that potential each day.

As you all celebrate this 100th milestone, please know that President Biden and I remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting HBCUs. We have taken historic actions to ensure all students have the resources they need to thrive. This includes increasing the size of Pell Grants, forgiving more student debt than any administration in history, and investing an unprecedented \$17 billion in HBCUs. We know more needs to be done, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside you as we build a brighter future for all.

I am proud to be an alumna of Howard University, and I send you all my best wishes for a wonderful homecoming celebration.

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