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MISSION

Meharry Medical College exists to improve the health and health care of minority and underserved communities by offering excellent education and training programs in the health sciences; placing special emphasis on providing opportunities to people of color and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of race or ethnicity; delivering high quality health services; and conducting research that fosters the elimination of health disparities”

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Message from the President & CEO

The Reaffirmation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) will be on the campus **March 6-8, 2007**. Because of the hard work of many of you, we feel quite confident that their visit will be a success for the College. The preparation of all the documents – The Compliance Certification Report, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) - Center for Educational Development & Support; Focus Report; and the Institutional Documentation of Compliance, 2006 Revised Standards, Principles of Accreditation are all complete. And while these documents are all critical to our success, your providing support in the time sensitive manner has proven to me that the spirit of teamwork is “alive and quite well” at Meharry Medical College!

I commend the SACS Liaison, faculty, staff and students for their diligence in pulling together as a team that has worked so diligently with the same mindset of accomplishment. I also want to commend the entire Meharry family as you continue to prepare for the on-site visit of the SACS team. I ask that you please make sure that you avail yourself to the team should they request your assistance. I further encourage all faculty, staff and students to be on campus during this time just in the likelihood you are needed.

This is an extremely important time for all of us at Meharry and I ask you, knowing full well this is only procedural, your complete cooperation during this SACS visit.

Yours for a greater Meharry Medical College,

Wayne J. Riley, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACP
President & Chief Executive Officer

A Message from the SACS Accreditation Liaison Officer

This is a very special time for Meharry Medical College (MMC) as we await the visit of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) Reaffirmation Committee – March 6-8, 2007. It is befitting at this time to thank each of you for your assistance and your contributions to the various SACS Committees over the past two years and also to some of you individually who helped us complete all of the documents needed for our submissions for reaffirmation of accreditation. Without your sincere and dedicated assistance we would not be able to provide a hearty welcome to our visitors. We have made great strides in completing the reports and documents, and can consider all successful. I truly believe that we must always remember that “the road to success is best realized when you have great people working with you, beside you, behind you and for you!” I have indeed had great people all around me!

As we prepare for the on-site visit, I ask that each of you continue to familiarize yourself with the SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation (2007) documents located on the MMC intranet. Your review will acclimate you to the diverse components that make up the full complement of documents that have been submitted on Meharry’s behalf to SACS.



Meharry Medical
College
SACS Documents

Compliance
Certification
Report

Quality
Enhancement
Plan

Focused Report

SACS
2006 Revised
Standards
Document

On-Line

<http://patton.mmc.edu/>

A Message from the SACS Accreditation Liaison Officer Cont.

The Center for Educational Development & Support (the focus of Meharry's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a critical component of the visit. If you have not visited the Center, please take the opportunity to do so. All students are greatly encouraged to use the Center and to inform the staff relative to the breadth and quality of services.

While some of us are engaged in the preparation for the on-site team visit, I hope that all of you will be available on campus during their visit. I implore everyone to be prepared to answer questions that may arise as the team seeks to conduct their business as a committee and keep in mind that Meharry must be an "open book" during the visit. Site Visitors are to be given full access to any information they may request.

Again, it is a very special time for all of us! We should anticipate anything, contemplate everything, exaggerate nothing and **ALWAYS** stay committed to the mission of Meharry.

Sincerely,

A. Cherrie Epps, Ph.D.
SACS Liaison & Senior Advisor to the President

Preparing For the SACS Site Visit March 6-8, 2007

It is important that each of us, faculty, staff, and students take this SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Site Visit seriously on March 6-8. **The Quality Enhancement Plan: The A. Cherrie Epps, Ph.D. Center for Educational Development and Support (CEDS) is the critical component of the visit.**

I would be remiss if I did not say again, I was honored and surprised to have Meharry Medical College Board of Directors name the Center for me. As you are aware, the Center is located in the Rolfe Student Center Building. If you have not visited the site, please take time to visit and talk to Jacqueline "Dee" Gardner, associate vice president for student services and director for center of educational development and support about the schedule of activities taking place under her leadership.

The upper level of the Center is opened Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until mid-night. The lower level of The Center for Educational Development and Support is open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Center staff will make special accommodation to lengthen hours during examination preparation.

Students, you are encouraged to use the center and concurrently inform the staff relative the quality of the services.

The expectation is that all faculty, staff and students are prepared to meet the nine member team and the SACS staff member.

The Center can be reached by calling 327.6500.

On Site Visit Team schedule & agenda will be posted to Meharry Intranet on Monday, March 5, 2007



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- Faculty Representative



Accreditation Count Down!

**On-Site Review Committee Visit
March 6-8, 2007**

SACS Committees

Steering Committee

Institutional Purpose

Institutional Effectiveness

Educational Programs

Continuing Education, Outreach & Service Programs

Faculty

Educational Support

Student Development

Organization and Administration

Institutional Advancement

Grants, and Contracts, Related Entities

Financial Resources

Physical Resources

Health Services

QEP Committee

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