

## **Congratulations to Bennett College!**

Monday, February 4, 2019 was a day filled with enthusiasm, excitement, and tears of joy as Bennett College celebrated its aggressive fundraising and social media campaign. The college has raised \$8.2 million surpassing the \$5 million goal. These funds represent a strong case in support of Bennett's appeal to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on College (SACSCOC) as to why it should keep its accreditation. Bennett will formally appeal to SACSCOC at a hearing scheduled for February 18, 2019 in Atlanta and February 25, 2019 is the decision date. The college will maintain its accreditation while the appeal process is ongoing.

Over the next few years, a re-engineering committee consisting of business, data analysis, higher education and other professionals will assist Bennett leaders in positioning the college for long-term sustainability.

On behalf of Western NC BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) we thank every church, individual, business, organization and all who provided support in reaching this goal. Let us continue to sustain this United Methodist College and its legacy of producing strong dynamic women leaders. Let's remain awake and diligent in what each of us can and will do to stand stronger than we've ever stood to continue to support this HBCU--one of only two African American women colleges in our nation. The college can only thrive in the future by the ongoing representation and support we provide to continue the bell ringing of Bennett Belles.

We embrace Bennett with prayers, love and support.

With gratitude, peace and blessings,  
DeEtta Rivens, Communications/Correspondence Secretary  
Western NC BMCR



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