



**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
EASTERN SHORE**

**STATEMENT FROM
PRESIDENT HEIDI M. ANDERSON**

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Recent allegations of plagiarism have been raised regarding my 1986 doctoral dissertation. Integrity, accountability, and trust are the foundations of my leadership, and I take these concerns with the utmost seriousness. Consistent with University System of Maryland policy, there will be an assessment of these allegations.

My commitment has always been—and remains—to serve with honesty, uphold the highest standards of scholarship, and preserve the trust placed in me by the academic community and the public. I am deeply grateful for the support of the UMES family during this period. Your encouragement and understanding strengthens my resolve to lead in a manner that upholds our shared values and advances the mission of our university.

While the review is underway, I will refrain from further comment. Any inquiries about this matter should be directed to the University System of Maryland.

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