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Dear Rhodes Community,

Fall has officially arrived in Memphis, and we are all enjoying the glorious weather and beautiful fall foliage. As I walk across our campus, I am continually reminded not only of the external beauty of our campus, but also of all the wonderful things that are taking place within our classrooms and labs daily, which is what truly makes Rhodes a place like no other. While it is nice to have accolades from various national publications, what is most important is the work being done by our faculty, students, and staff as we prepare this generation of students for the amazing impact that they are going to have on their communities and our world.

Memphis Magazine recently published this article about Halliburton Memorial Tower. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the fascinating history of our iconic Tower.

We are thrilled to announce the new Theodore William Eckels International Art Practicum, which will provide international internships for our art and art history majors. It is the second such program to bear the Eckels name. In 2010, the Theodore William Eckels International Business Internships were established, making it possible for those studying business or economics to work in a foreign country. We remain grateful to all our donors who make these wonderful opportunities, and many others like them, available to our students.

Thanks to the generosity of a Lynx Athletic donor, a much-needed new video scoreboard was installed at Crain Field last week. I am also happy to report that our men's swimming team is currently ranked second in the nation in DIII polls. In the latest DIII regional soccer rankings, the men's soccer team is ranked fourth, and the women's soccer team is eighth. Let's congratulate all these student-athletes who represent Rhodes so well in the pool and on the field.

We have two exciting events coming up. It was announced yesterday that entertainer Sheila E. will be on campus October 28th and 29th. She will discuss her music and career at McNeill Hall at 6 p.m. on the 28th as part of our Springfield Music Lecture Series. Dr. Charles Hughes will moderate a question-and-answer session. This is a free event, but passes are required. Admission passes for Rhodes faculty, staff, and students are available at the Rhodes Express desk. A separate bloc of seats is reserved for the general public who may request passes via this link. They will be distributed electronically on a first-come, first-serve basis. On the 29th, Sheila E. will conduct a Master Class with some of our music students. She is not only a Grammy- and Emmy-nominated artist, but she is also the first female solo percussionist to be honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star. We are delighted to have her on campus meeting with our students.

In addition, Homecoming/Reunion Weekend is around the corner on November 1st and 2nd. We have so many wonderful events planned, including our homecoming parade, multiple athletic events, alumni lectures, musical performances, and lots of reunion parties! A full schedule can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-based-nathle

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