Greetings

It is not often that an institution of higher learning has the opportunity to promote and witness firsthand the transformation of a complex regional university. Such developments are truly historic and can only come from the support of a dynamic board of trustees and other individuals as well as the work of a first-rate leadership team.

The Owings Mills campus is truly the culmination of a dream of 11 years of collaborative planning. From the expert guidance of Howard Brown at David S. Brown Enterprises to the outstanding craftsmen, engineers, and architects who built the campus, we have tried to create an environment worthy of our talented students. Stevenson’s new campus is the result, and it is already becoming the heart of the University.

Although the Owings Mills campus initially focused on adding much-needed student housing, it rapidly became an important extension of Stevenson’s vision of becoming a national leader in career education. Wooded Way, a facility offering a 15,000-square-foot executive suite dedicated to career planning, has been designed as a state-of-the-art career advising space for our students. Such space planning has helped us assume a career leadership role whereby we emphasize a strategic planning process called Career Architecture®.

The addition of the Owings Mills stadium, gym, and sports complex also helps support our goal of being a national leader in Division III athletics. We believe that our new 3,500-seat stadium is one of the finest in the nation. Designed to support our football, lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey teams, it includes a spacious weight room, guest boxes, and extensive locker rooms. The stadium will be an important showcase for local, regional, and national sporting events.

We are all very proud and honored to have been part of building a 21st century university that seeks to serve its students in achieving their career goals, participating in athletics events, and taking part in other key experiences to become successful citizens of the region. It has been an exciting journey.

Kevin J. Manning, Ph.D.
President, Stevenson University

More than a decade ago, the Board of Trustees and President Kevin J. Manning, Ph.D., felt that the University had to grow in size in order to remain competitive. This was necessary for us to continue providing the support to our faculty and staff that would ensure a first-rate educational experience for our students. Yet at the same time, we were limited in doing so by the lack of space on the Greenspring campus, especially for student housing. The University was fortunate to identify the property adjacent to the former NFL Ravens training facility in Owings Mills. Additionally, Howard Brown, the owner of the property, was particularly interested in our mission, and he helped us develop a vision for the property. So we had the opportunity to purchase the land that would meet our strategic need for more space.

The initial development of the Owings Mills campus was centered on residence halls because we wanted to reach a broader set of students in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region. We also knew that the new campus would allow us to expand our individual schools. Today, the Brown School of Business and Leadership and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies are located on the Owings Mills campus, as is housing for more than 2,000 students. Additional development targeted the need to enrich the student experience by building several student-centered facilities, including the Ratcliffe Community Center, the Caves Sports and Wellness Center, a new gymnasium, and a new stadium.

Today, I can say that the Board feels that we are poised to achieve our strategic goal of expanding the University while still providing an outstanding academic and personal experience for every student. This has always been the hallmark of our institution.

Kevin G. Byrnes
Chairman, Stevenson University Board of Trustees