



I hope the second half of the semester is off to a terrific start! We have enjoyed a very busy semester already, and we are so grateful to everyone who joined us for Family Weekend and our annual Homecoming celebration. There are more festivities to come this week. We are hosting the Rhodes trustees on our campus this week, and we will continue celebrating our 175th anniversary, culminating with Saturday's inaugural activities and the Student Inaugural Ball.

We will kick off the _____ this afternoon with guest lecturer _____, professor at the University of Oxford and best-selling author of "This is Shakespeare" and "Portable Magic: A History of Books and Their Readers." She will address, "What is Shakespeare's First Folio – And Why Should I Care?" This year marks 400 years since the publication of the first collected edition of Shakespeare's

I want to share the interim report from the Advisory Group on Access, Disability, and Universal Design. You can read about their work in _____ posted on our website. This group was formed last year to examine Rhodes' policies regarding universal access, to identify and address accessibility barriers, and advise senior leadership on ways to improve. The work of this important group will continue this year. Please contact any of the group members with suggestions or concerns.

I also encourage you to look at our new (and improved!) _____, which came off the press earlier this month. Thank you to our Marketing and Admissions teams for producing this publication that captures the essence of Rhodes so beautifully and incorporates our new brand story, A Place Like No Other.

I am honored to have been asked to serve on the transition team of Paul Young, newly elected mayor of Memphis, as he prepares to take office in January. I will co-chair the Public Safety working group. I am thankful Rhodes will have a strong voice at the table as he transitions into office, and I look forward to building even stronger relations with our city mayor and his staff.

I hope to see many of you at this week's 175th anniversary activities. Every day I am reminded of why I chose to join this incredible Rhodes family. I am thrilled to be working alongside each of you as we support the success of our students, faculty, and staff, and advance the Rhodes brand nationally.

For our alumni and parents, we know recent events in the Middle East may be weighing heavily on your hearts and minds, as they are on ours, and we want to assure you that we have been in regular contact with our students and are offering support in any way that we can.

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