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TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

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Breakfast with the President

Peter J. Spears, Dean of Students
Presiding

Theme: “Tuskegee University: Connecting Parents and Programs that Change Students' Lives”

The Kellogg Conference Center
Saturday, October 11, 2008  ☀  8:00 a.m.
Dr. Payton received the B.A. Degree with honors from South Carolina State University 1955; the B.S. from Harvard University in 1958; the M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1960; and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1963.

Tuskegee’s fifth President and serving since 1981, Dr. Payton works to continue the University’s legacy of leadership. During his tenure, he has established the General Daniel “Chappie” James Center for Aerospace Science Engineering and Health Education; Launched Tuskegee University’s first Ph.D. programs (Material Science and Engineering and Integrated Biosciences); Developed the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care; Launched the Tuskegee University C. Alfred “Chief” Anderson Department of Aviation Science; Developed the Tuskegee Kellogg Center; Restructured the academic programs into five colleges and reorganized all programs; Successfully completed a $150 million Capital Campaign by raising $169 million and has now completed an additional $69 million campaign and recently completed construction of the College of Business and Information Science, Andrew F. Brimmer Hall. Reconstructed and renovated the entire campus, including new parking, roadways, library, science building, student residence halls and apartments for student on-campus living; and enclosed it all with beautiful brick and cast-iron fences and gates, including a dramatic new set of campus entrances and exits.

In recognition of his leadership, intellectual and scholarly achievements, as well as his dedicated service to education, Dr. Payton has received many honors and honorary degrees. He was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2002 to chair the newly-formed Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This was Dr. Payton’s third presidential appointment. He was also appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development and named by President George W. Bush to lead the Task Force on Agricultural and Economic Development to Zaire.

Dr. Payton is married to the former Thelma Plane of Evanston, Illinois, a B.S. degree graduate of Tennessee State University, and MSW degree from Columbia University School of Social Work. They have two children: Mark Steven, a B.A. degree graduate of Yale University, who also has the M.B.A. degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Business; and Deborah Elizabeth, a B.A. degree graduate of Spelman College. They are also the proud grandparents of Danielle Marie, Maya Elizabeth, William Issac and Nicholas Warren Payton.