



Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni,

With a heavy heart, I write to share difficult news.

I have submitted my resignation as president of Presbyterian College, which will take effect at the end of this fiscal year on June 30, 2023. On July 1, I will begin a new role as president of Ohio Wesleyan University in the Columbus, Ohio metro area.

This decision is in no way a reflection of my views of Presbyterian College or its students, faculty, staff, alumni, or board. On the contrary, Melissa, Jackson, Sylvia, and I have developed a tremendous love, respect, and appreciation for Presbyterian College and its phenomenal people. I could not have asked for a better fit for my career or my personal passions. From its humble beginnings as an extension of Thornwell Orphanage through its transition into America's Innovative Service College, PC has served as a powerful agent of social mobility and community improvement. The City of Clinton, South Carolina, the United States, and the world are fundamentally better because of PC. I have derived immense satisfaction from the numerous game-changing and momentum-building accomplishments that we have achieved together over the last two years.

The reason for this decision is the need to reunite my family in the Midwest. Two months after I accepted the invitation to join PC, my father passed away unexpectedly, leaving my mother alone in Michigan. Over time, this separation has proven unsustainable for our family. I hope you can understand and respect that my obligations as a husband, father, and son to care for my family must come first, even before my fervent passion for PC.

Our work together as a community is far from finished. I am fiercely committed to PC's success and will focus on completing significant projects and helping to provide for a smooth transition to the college's 20th president.

I cannot thank you enough for your hospitality, warmth, partnership, and friendship. As I have said many times, PC's "secret sauce" is its people. I am confident that PC will continue to flourish because of you. I have never been more optimistic about the college's future and am confident that PC's best days are ahead.

On, On PC!

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