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From: CSU Office of Marketing and Communications
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Ramon Stuart
Subject: Greetings from President T. Ramon Stuart

Dear Laker Nation,

My first day at Clayton State was productive but also inspiring. Throughout the day I had the pleasure of meeting with students, faculty, alumni, staff, and administrators, whose welcoming smiles made Clayton State already feel like home. Their passion to nurture a learning environment that helps our students excel was both exciting and energizing.

I want to begin by thanking Dr. Tim Hynes for his phenomenal introduction to Clayton State and its unique culture. It was a great starting point for what I know will be a time of quick learning and planning for how to build upon the momentum he generated over the last 12 years.

As we come out of the pandemic, it is important that we work diligently to keep each other safe. Our primary goal is to prepare a healthy environment and to ensure resources that provide a quality education that is affordable for current and future students. The only way that can be achieved is if all members of the Laker family – students, faculty, alumni and staff – come together in a strategic and consorted manner.

With our mission in mind, I have established a Presidential Transition Team that will work together over the course of the next 100 days to explore the culture and history of Clayton State University. This team's charge is to reflect on where we have been, understand where we are and help to envision where we want to go during this era of leadership at Clayton State University. There is a reason why I have two ears and one mouth. It reminds me to listen twice as much as I speak. To reflect on what is being shared with me. And to speak only after I have thoughtfully considered what was said.

Presidential Transition Team Members:

- Ms. Akwai Agoons
- Mrs. Royal Baxter
- Dr. Kevin Demmitt, co-chair
- Dr. Victoria Foster
- Ms. Asia L. Hauter
- Dr. Joe Johnson
- Ms. Faith Morton
- Dr. George Nakos
- Mr. Charles Read
- Dr. Eric Tack
- Dr. Reginald Turner, co-chair
- Dr. David Williams

Incorporating feedback from the community and recommendations from the transition team, I have charged myself with the goal of identifying opportunities to elevate Clayton State University. To make that goal a reality will require

collaboration on all levels, across all areas of the university as we are unapologetic about showcasing the greatness of Clayton State in south metro Atlanta, the state of Georgia, the nation, and the world.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during these next 100 days and for those who would like to get to know me better, please click here for a [brief bio](#), a [welcome message](#) and use the social media icons below to connect with me as we continue to tell the story of Clayton State University.

Please enjoy your extended holiday weekend with family and friends.

Best wishes,

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