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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone who has gathered at historic Riverside Church for the auspicious occasion of the Inauguration of Debora L. Spar, as the 7th President and 11th Leader of Barnard College.

We all recognize and value outstanding schools that foster the intellectual growth and personal enrichment of their students, encouraging lifelong learners who go on to become productive, responsible members of society. Since 1889, Barnard College, traditionally known as one of the top liberal arts colleges for women, has ably demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing individuals with the opportunities to maximize their full potential, bettering their lives, and the lives of those around them.

At this Presidential Inauguration today, Debora Spar is officially invested and honored. A political scientist by training and an expert on issues of international political economy, President Spar brings to the College an impressive list of accomplishments from her distinguished career as the Spangler Family Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. Without question, President Spar will ensure that Barnard remains dedicated to the innovative academic programs that have earned this school so many exceptional distinctions and accolades.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I congratulate President Spar at the beginning of her tenure as leader of Barnard College. I extend best wishes for many years of continued success to President Spar and the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Barnard, on the occasion of this wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Paterson".

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