



A DECLARATION

We, the undersigned, alumni of Knoxville College, representing graduates spanning many decades and generations, declare and affirm on this day our full commitment to the furtherance of Knoxville College – its principles, ideals, history and legacy.

We believe in Knoxville College and believe that it will stand! It has stood continually since 1875. In the past few years, as has been experienced in times past, Knoxville College has withstood many a challenge, many a setback, many a discouraging word. Yet it has risen up to graduate dozens of Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude graduates notwithstanding the known fact that it is not accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

We believe in what Knoxville College stands for – quality education, excellence, integrity and perseverance. Dr. Robert H. Harvey, illustrious alumnus extraordinaire, mathematics professor and Dean, came out of retirement to carry on the tradition of Knoxville College by serving as Interim President. He was successful in attracting a non-alumnus, Dr. Johnnie Cannon, an executive-on-loan from Oak Ridge National Laboratory to serve at a critical time as chief operating officer. *Why would they do this?*

Students still select Knoxville College as their institution of higher education and faculty members take pride in the work they do at Knoxville College. This was evident at the Senior Banquet held during the May 2007 convocation weekend. They teach with the same dedication that we experienced and were blessed with over the decades. *Why do they do this?*

Why has Knoxville College been able to realize nearly \$250,000 in funds from the “2007 Annual Giving Campaign” with well over \$100,000 given directly to Knoxville College? The remaining amount was contributed through the National Alumni Association. Why have alumni raised through family, friends and supporters in the last three years (2005-2007) right at \$1,250,000?

Why did Anthony Lewis '66 and William '54 and Lula Powell '52 give \$10,000 or more each to Knoxville College? Why did as many as seven alumni give \$5000 or more in 2007? Why are nearly half of the Alumni Chapters across the country in the top giving categories? Why are there just as many alumni who gave \$1,000 as there are those who gave \$100?

Why do so many continue to give to Knoxville College against all odds?

Why do we have graduate and undergraduate chapters of Greek letter organizations giving in the top fundraising categories? Why is giving by alumni Knoxville College Board of Trustees members at the upper levels of the contribution list in the various campaigns?

Why did we have a contribution from a non-alumnus to Knoxville College of \$20,000 in 2007 in honor and memory of a Morristown College Graduate?

We believe it is because these individuals can see the entity that we see – one that can endure, will endure, and will rise to the glory days once again.

We declare that we pledge our full support to Knoxville College. We believe in Knoxville College and without condition, we express sincere gratitude to those who toil daily to ensure that the Knoxville College legacy continues.

On October 18, 2007 and on October 19, 2007, we affix our signatures to this declaration and pray for continued blessings for our beloved Knoxville College.

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