

# DR. EARL S. RICHARDSON

**E**arl S. Richardson was the eleventh president of Morgan State University, serving from 1984 to 2010. A Maryland native and graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shores (formerly Maryland State College) with a baccalaureate program in social sciences. Dr. Richardson came to hold a personal understanding of the challenges faced by HBCU's in Maryland and their students. He earned Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and graduated at the head of his class. As a Ford Foundation Fellow and W. K. Kellogg Foundation Fellow, he conducted extensive research on problems in higher education relevant to racial autonomy, desegregation and integration.

During his tenure as President of Morgan, Dr. Richardson presided over a re-birth of the campus with the renovation and construction of classroom and research buildings, residence halls, dormitories and other auxiliary buildings, totaling nearly \$400 million. The expansion of the campus includes three adjacent complexes (Montebello Complex south of the campus, the Pentridge Apartments west of campus and a portion of the Northwood Shopping Center on Morgan's south-west border) and a satellite Estuarine Research Center in Southern Maryland. The University also witnessed the construction of a new fine arts center; a new student center and adjacent parking garage; a communications center with a bridge connecting it to the Academic Quad; expansion of the Verda Welcome Bridge, which arches over Cold Spring Lane; a new Center for the Built Environment and Infrastructure Studies under construction on the North end of campus; and of course a new library.

Dr. Richardson is fond of saying that he knows the value of a good education. His vision has always been to create an environment for students to receive the best education possible. A fundamental part of that vision was providing Morgan students a quality academic information resource center.