

## **What I'd Like for You to Know About Me    Fall 2024**

### **Stan A. Napper**

I moved to Houston in August 2017 to be the founding dean of the new College of Engineering at HBU. I had been on the faculty of Louisiana Tech University for 33 years. Louisiana Tech is also my Alma Mater, where I received both the BS and PhD degrees in Biomedical Engineering. During those years, I served as a professor of Biomedical Engineering, Dean of the College of Engineering and Science (2004 – 2013) and finally as Vice President for Research and Development for four years. I was active in teaching, research, administration, student organizations, and various professional organizations. I was honored to be elected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. I retired from Louisiana Tech in 2017, with the honorary title of Professor Emeritus and also Vice President Emeritus. As I approached eligibility for retirement, I asked the Lord if He wanted me to do something different, perhaps in the way of missions or ministry. When I had prayed this before, wanting to be available and surrendered to His will for my life, He brought new opportunities to me that were in the same city, at the same university, or the same church. But in 2017, He brought a new opportunity at HBU. In 2019, HBU asked me to become dean of the College of Science and Engineering.

I love being a professor and a dean, because I enjoy the interaction with students. I enjoy seeing the transitions and the maturing that occurs in college. I like to teach, and being involved in service activities through student organizations, through administration, and through various professional organizations. I like making a difference in the lives of individuals. I like creating new and better approaches to education, such as new degree programs (e.g., Cyber Engineering), new methods, and new collaborations. I helped to create the integrated engineering curriculum at Louisiana Tech, which led to the project-

