January 25, 2022

To: The John Jay College Community
Re: NYPD Officer Wilbert Mora ’18

Every day, law enforcement officers courageously confront danger to keep our communities safe. Recently, the New York City Police Department lost two brave individuals in the line of duty. Officer Jason Rivera, who attended Borough of Manhattan Community College and Lehman College, and Officer Wilbert Mora, John Jay Class of ’18, both passed away after sustaining critical injuries while responding to a call for help.

These officers, both proud members of the NYPD and CUNY family, joined law enforcement to connect with communities, protect people, and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the public. It’s devastating that their efforts resulted in such suffering and loss.

As the NYPD and New Yorkers offer a final salute to Officer Rivera at his wake and funeral later this week, and Officer Mora’s family grieves his loss and prepares for his services, I ask that you keep their loved ones and colleagues in your thoughts or prayers. As members of the John Jay and CUNY family, we need to see them as members of our own family and support them during this time of great need.

Officers Rivera and Mora represent the best of what CUNY and John Jay have to offer, and they provide us with worthy examples of leadership, bravery, and commitment to public service. In their honor, let us continue to support law enforcement, as we wish for peace and comfort for their families, friends, and fellow officers.

Sincerely,

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