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To: The John Jay College Community

Re: End-of-year Message

Looking back on my first year as John Jay's President, I am tremendously proud of the progress we've made. I'd like to thank all of you for your hard work and contributions to our many achievements.

The class of 2018 is the largest graduating class in the history of the College, with more than 3,700 graduates. This year's graduates strived hard to reach their full potential while at John Jay—leading clubs, serving their communities, and conducting original research—and the evidence of their success is abundantly clear. Eleven students from John Jay's inaugural Accelerate, Complete and Engage (ACE) Program will graduate in just three years, along side one of our first Prison-to-College Pipeline (P2CP) students. Our seniors won numerous prestigious awards, fellowships and scholarships, including the Fulbright, Watson, Gilman and Salk. And, many of our graduates were accepted to prominent law, medical and graduate schools, while others are pursuing ambitious careers in law enforcement, healthcare, public management, marketing and government. In many cases, our students have accomplished all this while also fulfilling significant responsibilities outside the college. Their success will undoubtedly inspire future John Jay scholars.

Our incredible faculty members not only guided these remarkable students through an impressive academic year, but they also made many noteworthy achievements of their own. Our faculty authored more than 40 books and hundreds of articles and papers. They've been recognized with honors and awards, and garnered an impressive number of grants totaling over \$30 million. And, their ongoing projects—from the New York Slavery Records Index to the disaster relief efforts in Puerto Rico—demonstrate the college's commitment to social justice.

I'd also like to recognize our dedicated staff. This talented community of professionals has played a vital role in the success of our college. As I said at our recent Bravo Awards ceremony, the contributions of our staff are what powers so much else at John Jay, as staff have developed programs for our students, stayed connected to our alumni, expanded John Jay's profile, streamlined operations, and kept our community safe.

And finally, as a community, John Jay has continued to come together to strengthen our commitment to

inclusion and serve as a unique forum for examining justice in all its dimensions. Our students wowed visitors with phenomenal presentations at our Research and Creativity Week. Our community dived deep into our justice mission with events such as the Smart on Crime conference, Sexual Justice Now! event, Rethinking Solitary Confinement symposium, and many more. Next year I look forward to continuing this progress, while also expanding our dialogue about what it means to be a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and the full launch of our new Immigrant Student Success Center.

Together we've reached some remarkable goals. Have a wonderful and productive summer.

Thank you,

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