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Re: Research at John Jay

To the John Jay College Community:

As a College focused on issues of justice, our commitment to scholarly research is an integral part of our institutional mission. Research projects from our faculty, staff, students, and centers push the boundaries of conventional wisdom, enriching national conversations and elevating new theories and thoughts. The data and information generated by our community has the power to change the way people think and behave, fostering new policies and practices, and ultimately encouraging societal evolution.

On **May 1 – May 10**, John Jay is convening its annual Research & Creativity Expo. This event beautifully showcases the College's thriving research community. The opening ceremony at this year's Expo will include musical performances, art exhibits, and interactive student presentations from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Hound Square. The work presented throughout the Expo cuts across every field of study at John Jay—from Psychology and Mathematics, to English and Music—and demonstrates our faculty's dedication to collaborating with students, helping them hone their critical thinking skills. I hope that our entire community joins me at this event, supporting the presenters and learning from more than 460 exhibits and performances.

At the core of every great institution of learning is a dedicated faculty—and John Jay is no exception to that rule. In the classroom, in laboratories, in communities, and beyond, our faculty is mentoring and advising undergraduate and graduate students on countless research projects, while often simultaneously conducting their own research. This research will be featured in our new Faculty Research Spotlight video series. The first video in the series features Associate Professor [Eric Piza](#), Ph.D., in the department of Criminal Justice, detailing his work on the spatial analysis of crime patterns and the use of technology in policing.

Our faculty and research centers were awarded over \$31 million in grants and contracts last year, and they've helped to establish John Jay as a leading institution for justice-based research. I look forward to celebrating these accomplishments with faculty at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Grants Reception on **May 14**.

I applaud our faculty, students, staff, and centers for their boldness to ask the difficult questions. I commend them on their dedication to analyze and assess new information. And, I'm grateful for their unwavering commitment to producing evidence-based data with the potential to make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you,

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