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TO: John Jay College Community

FROM: Keisha Pottinger-Moore, Director of Human Resources Operations

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RE: Passing of Dr. Elvin Montgomery Jr., Adjunct Professor – Department of Psychology

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Elvin Montgomery Jr., Adjunct Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York on November 20, 2022. For over 16 years Dr. Montgomery has diligently served the John Jay community as an adjunct professor in the psychology department. He was beloved by both students, faculty, and staff for his kind disposition and his generous spirit. He never refused to help the college and the department and loved to provide insights and words of encouragement to our students. His warm smile and kind nature warmed our hearts and brightened our department.

Outside of John Jay, Dr. Montgomery was an art appraiser who specialized in African American history and culture. Among the major appraisals, he has conducted are that of the Rosa Parks Collection (for the Smithsonian Institution), the Carl Lewis Collection of Olympic Material, and the Slave Relic Museum Collection of slavery-related documents and books (also for the Smithsonian). He also published a book entitled, "Collecting African American History." In addition, he brought and shared his extensive collection with the John Jay College community in honor of Black History month in 2020 and gave a presentation on the Psychology of Black History Collectables to the psychology department that month as well.

Dr. Montgomery LOVED John Jay College! He was a very kind, humble, personable, and generous mentor and friend to many, including students and staff members at John Jay, City College, and BMCC. He dedicated his life to empowering students from underrepresented communities, saying: "to make a difference, you must first be educated." He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. We send our deepest condolences to the Montgomery family for their loss.