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To: The John Jay College Community
Re: John Jay's 2022 Honorary Degree Recipients

I am proud to share John Jay's 2022 honorary degree recipients. These celebrated women blazed a trail in their fields by giving us thought-provoking artwork and charting our country's aeronautic efforts into new territory.



Faith Ringgold is a world-renowned African-American painter, mixed media sculptor, performance artist, writer, teacher, and lecturer. Her honors and awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, an NAACP Image Award, a Coretta Scott King Award, a Wisdom Award from the Library of Congress, and dozens of others. Faith earned a B.S. and M.A. in visual art from the City College of New York, taught art in the New York City public school system for 18 years, and served as a Professor Emeritus of Art at the University of California in San Diego for 17 years. Ringgold generously donated a collection of her work to John Jay College, furthering her lifelong dedication to educate through feminist, anti-racist art. Her exhibit aligns perfectly with our mission of educating for justice.



Ellen Ochoa, Ph.D., is a veteran astronaut and was the 11th director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Johnson Space Center. She was the Center's first Latinx director and second female director, as well as deputy center director and director of flight crew operations. She earned a B.S. in physics from San Diego State University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Ochoa's honors and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, NASA's highest award, the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, and four Space Flight Medals. She is a member of the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame and the International Air and Space Hall of Fame. Five elementary and middle schools are named after her.

I look forward to seeing you at the College's 55th Commencement, where Faith Ringgold will receive her honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, and Ellen Ochoa will receive her honorary degree of Doctor of Science. We're thrilled that they're joining the

John Jay community of scholars and are excited to hear them address the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022. I know that their words will inspire our graduates to create their own masterpieces and explore their own uncharted territories.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karol V. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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