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Re: Upcoming Leadership Changes and Year in Review

To the John Jay College Community:

I'd like to share some news regarding upcoming changes in our senior leadership team and invite you to join me in celebrating the two members of our team who are leaving for new and exciting opportunities. I also write to highlight some notable achievements we've reached as a community this past year.

Lynette Cook-Francis, our Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA), will be leaving John Jay on July 18 to join Simmons University as the Senior Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Management. Understanding that student engagement can serve as a cornerstone for student retention, Lynette has led the design and implementation of highly effective and innovative programs and a set of comprehensive student services at John Jay. Under Lynette's guidance, we also created a new division, EMSA, designed to support our students throughout their academic journeys from admissions to commencement. Her unwavering commitment to John Jay students has elevated their experience on campus, online, and beyond the classroom, and led John Jay's students to lead all CUNY senior colleges in their satisfaction rankings for their social experience at the College. We're tremendously grateful for Lynette's service, and we wish her continued success in her new role.

Marjorie Singer, the College's Executive Counsel, will be leaving John Jay on July 25 and taking some much-deserved time off before moving on to a new chapter in her career. For five years, Marjorie has provided wise counsel to two College Presidents and numerous faculty members, students, and staff. Marjorie's advice on complex and varied topics ranging from first amendment rights to the intricacies of shared governance has helped the College effectively navigate legal concerns while staying focused on our mission to explore justice in its many dimensions. Our community has greatly benefited from Marjorie's dedicated service and astute advice, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

I will be sharing information about interim leadership in EMSA and the Office of Legal Counsel in the weeks to come. In the meantime, thank you again to Marjorie and Lynette for your many contributions to our community. We will miss both of you. I invite the community to join me on Wednesday, July 17 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the East End of the Student Dining Hall as we come together to say thank you and goodbye to both Marjorie and Lynette.

Year in Review

As we mark these upcoming transitions, I also want to share with you a recap of what has been a remarkable year here at John Jay College. Starting with New Student Convocation bringing in the largest incoming class in John Jay history, and ending with our 54th Commencement Ceremony celebrating the largest graduating class in the College's history – I am tremendously proud of the many achievements our community has reached. To learn more about these important accomplishments across the College, please visit our [Year in Review](#), which contains highlights from the College's

annual Performance Monitoring Project (PMP) report to CUNY. While the College continues to face challenges, we have so much to be proud of, as reflected in that document. Each achievement speaks directly to the hard work of our entire community—faculty, students, staff, friends, and partners. I’m grateful for your continued commitment to educate fierce advocates for justice, and I look forward to working together in the year to come.

Please join me in giving Marjorie and Lynette our thanks and best wishes in their new endeavors, and also taking a moment to savor our hard work last year. I hope that wherever you are this summer—whether you’re spending time with family and friends, working hard at your job, or continuing your studies—you enjoy your break.

Thank you,

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