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Dear John Jay College Staff,

I am excited about hosting my first commencement at John Jay College, to be held at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in Queens, NY on Wednesday, May 30th. Not only is it a spectacular space with a retractable roof to protect us from the elements, but hosting commencement at Ashe Stadium will allow us to once again provide students with 6 tickets for their families and loved ones. As is our normal practice, we will still host two ceremonies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The importance of commencement cannot be overstated. Commencement has always been an all-hands-on-deck event and that sentiment is truer now than ever. It is a community celebration that allows us to enjoy the accomplishments of our students together with their families. I would like to remind you that your participation in making commencement successful is important. While I recognize that emergencies and illnesses are inevitable, I ask that you refrain from taking vacation or personal time on commencement day unless you yourself are graduating that day.

Relatedly, in an upcoming important announcement, Raj Singh, the Assistant Vice President for Administration, will share with you important details regarding working on commencement day for each title and category within CUNY.

Any questions regarding logistics and day-of needs should be directed to Rosann Santos at rsantos-elliott@jjay.cuny.edu. Rosann and her team in Student Transition Programs (STP) are prepared to respond to faculty, staff and student inquiries regarding the commencement ceremonies and activities leading up to it.

Thank you for the continued support that you show our students, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Arthur Ashe Stadium on Wednesday, May 30th.

Sincerely,

Karol V. Mason
President
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