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TO: John Jay College Community  
FROM: Keisha Pottinger-Moore, Director of Human Resources Operations  
DATE: September 8, 2023  
RE: Passing of Dr. Barbara Josiah

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We are saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Barbara Josiah, Associate Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Josiah was an Associate Professor of History and specializes in the history of the African Diaspora. Dr. Josiah was educated at John Jay College and graduated in 1990 with a BA in government. She earned a master's degree in United States history in 1992 and a PhD in Latin American and Caribbean history in 1998 from Howard University, Washington, DC.

Dr. Josiah died peacefully on August 24, 2023. She worked at John Jay from Fall 2002 until retirement on October 28, 2022.

**There will be a Celebration of Life on September 23, 2023 from 11am to 2pm.** The celebration will be held at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, [Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045](#), Sanctuary A.

**Please RSVP by 9/10/23 to Melania Clavell in the History department.**

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