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RE: Student Success Vision

To the John Jay College Community:

Here at John Jay we pride ourselves on being a place where everyone can transform their lives with a topnotch education. While we're incredibly proud of the many students that complete their degrees and move on to rewarding careers, we also know that there are other talented students not reaching the "graduation finish line." Supporting these students, and removing any obstacles blocking their path to success, is one of my top priorities.

That's why we're working with the entire John Jay community—students, faculty, staff and administrators—to develop a transparent and shared vision of undergraduate student success. Our aim is to build on our strength of promoting social mobility, and increase those life-changing results for more students.

To make this Student Success Initiative a reality, we need everyone to join the conversation. Please visit our new Student Success Initiative website where you'll have the chance to explore new student outcome data and learn more about the process we are using to develop the vision, while also having the opportunity to review the discussion draft and submit your feedback and suggestions. This draft is a working and evolving draft, and a starting point for conversations with our community throughout the coming year. We hope you will help shape it.

It was exciting to discuss this vision yesterday with Provost Li at Faculty Development Day. By defining this vision together and pursuing these strategies, we hope to enhance and scale our tremendous impact on the lives of our students. And by doing so, we have the opportunity to demonstrate that John Jay is a leader in developing and implementing innovative, cost-effective, data-driven strategies, addressing the nation's completion crisis for low-income and minority students.

These innovations, and our ability to increase the academic competencies, graduation rate, and post-graduate success of our students will further advance John Jay's mission of being not only an institution that teaches about justice, equity, and fairness, but also an institution that lives those values as a powerful

engine of social mobility and opportunity to the next generation of criminal and social justice leaders.

Please join me in contributing your voice as we work to develop this shared vision. Because every John Jay student should have their own success story.

Thank you,

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