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To: The John Jay College Community
Re: Dr. Dara Byrne to Join Macaulay Honors College as Dean

I write to congratulate Dr. Dara Byrne, our Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, who will join Macaulay Honors College as its Dean on August 1. This is a loss for John Jay, but a wonderful opportunity for Dara, who helped establish the Macaulay Honors College at John Jay and served as its first Faculty Director.

For the last seven years, Dara led our student success initiatives with impressive results, including a dramatic rise in our four-year graduation rate thanks to summer acceleration courses, blended career and academic advising, [CUSP's](#) completion grants for seniors, and [LEAP's](#) support for freshmen and sophomores, among other efforts. She also helped reinvigorate our teaching and learning through her work on our [Seven Principles for a Culturally Responsive, Inclusive, and Anti-Racist Curriculum](#). I thank Dara for being a fierce advocate for our students and for the entire John Jay community.

Our dedication to student success remains as strong as ever, and Dara's team will continue to work closely with our students, ensuring they receive the resources they need to earn their degree, achieve their goals, and contribute to their communities as fierce advocates for justice. I am grateful for their commitment to our students as well as yours, which have sustained and strengthened John Jay through many challenges.

I will share details about next steps in the coming weeks.

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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