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To: The John Jay College Community
RE: A Thanksgiving Message

Thanksgiving is a particularly special time for everyone in our community and our country. It's a time when we can express our gratitude for the many gifts that we have, and we can show our appreciation for everything that we hold dear.

I'm grateful, every single day, for our compassionate students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends that continue to make John Jay the caring community that it is. During our recent Annual Day of Giving event, we all came together to raise over \$140,000 for John Jay's [Student Emergency Fund](#). This fund enables some of our most vulnerable students to remain in College, earn their degrees, and reach their personal and professional life goals. Watching members of our community pull together and surpass our initial \$75,000 goal was inspiring and it perfectly illustrated what Thanksgiving is all about—reaching out and helping others.

During this holiday season, we will all celebrate in our own unique ways, incorporating our own distinct cultures, traditions, and recipes into the festivities. But in the same spirit of togetherness that we demonstrate every day here at John Jay, please remember to express your gratitude by welcoming others into your celebrations.

Enjoy the time off with family and friends. Travel safely and be joyful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karol V. Mason".

Karol V. Mason
President

