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Dear Members of the John Jay College Community:

It is with deepest thanks that I announce we have completed our $50 million Campaign for the Future of Justice! One year ahead of schedule we have surpassed our goal. Thank you to everyone who made this possible: our dedicated alumni, talented faculty and staff, committed Board of Trustees, and supportive community.

Let me share some details that highlight the importance of this accomplishment:

- The Campaign for the Future of Justice raised $35 million in research grants, $9 million for academic programming and $4 million for student scholarship support.

- Unique opportunities were created for students such as the John Jay–Vera Fellows Program, Charina Applied Science Fellowship Program, Art & Justice Fellowship Program, Hammerman Research Fellowship, Pinkerton Fellowship Initiative and Rudin Fellowship in Applied Justice Research.

- John Jay’s superb faculty brought in substantial research grants that contributed to the College’s Centers and Institutes. In this last year alone, there were 166 active awards and over $18 million received in external awards. Grants were awarded by a variety of agencies and private foundations including the Atlantic Philanthropies, David Rockefeller Foundation, Department of Homeland Security, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, New York City Office of Emergency Management, New York City Police Department, Open Society Institute, Tides Foundation, Urban Institute, along with many others.

The support for the campaign has been broad and deep:

- John Jay’s alumni astounded us with their participation and generous contributions, which increased exponentially over the course of the campaign. Through the Jay Walk campaign, the support of the John Jay community is now permanently engraved on our bricks, benches and trees.
• The John Jay faculty have launched the Rising Star Fund. Already off to a strong start, the money raised supports the John Jay Rising Star Fellowship, a fund that provides aid for a broad range of student opportunities including unpaid internships and study abroad.

• Our Board of Trustees led by example, collectively pledging $10.1 million. Two visionary gifts solidified our campaign’s success. Jules and Lynn Kroll’s $2 million gift launched the Campaign for the Future of Justice and brought it into the public eye. Andrew and Anya Shiva’s $5 million gift set a record for the college and raised the profile of our alumni giving at John Jay.

The completion of our campaign launches us into a new phase where we must pause to assess the current strategic needs of John Jay. Our Board of Trustees has convened a Strategic Advancement Committee to examine ways in which the Foundation can support the priority areas of the College. This effort will coincide with the crafting of a new Master Plan for John Jay. Over the next few months we will be seeking input from the College community, creating a shared vision that will position the College for further success. This fall, as we launch John Jay’s 50th Anniversary, I look forward to announcing this new vision and our next steps.

Thank you for the many contributions that each of you have made to bring John Jay to this historic moment. Your support throughout this process has been overwhelming, and we truly could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Travis
President