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Dear Graduates,

On this special day, I am pleased to offer congratulations as you are deservedly recognized for your achievements as our newest alumni of The College at Brockport, State University of New York. While I am exceedingly proud to celebrate your success, it is you—along with your family and friends—who should take the greatest pride in the countless hours of study and engagement in the life of our academic community that you have invested in your degree.


As you know, our mission statement asserts that student success is the College’s highest priority. Graduate students are no exception. Throughout your academic journey, our dedicated faculty and staff have worked diligently with you each semester to help achieve your goals. Please do take a moment to thank these skilled mentors as well as your family.

Much as is the case with our Commencement speaker today, Emeritus Professor of History Lynn Parsons, your relationship with The College at Brockport does not come to a close today. Each of you is now an ambassador for the College in our global world. As alumni, you will have many opportunities to remain involved in the life of your Alma Mater—through reunions, Homecoming Weekend, regional meetings and the host of activities that take place on our campus every week. We also encourage you to donate the gift of your time as well as your financial support to the College to ensure that the exceptional education you have received will be available for the next generation.

In turn, I trust we have delivered to you what we now call “The Brockport Promise”: To reveal to each student—undergraduate and graduate—each day, your capacity for intellectual, physical and creative accomplishment.

Again, let me extend my personal best wishes for a lifetime of continued success.

Best wishes,



John R. Halstead, PhD
President



GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

(Please rise and remain standing)

Students

Faculty

Platform Party

President John R. Halstead, PhD

NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Please remain standing)

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY

(Please be seated)

Dr. Anne E. Huot

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dr. John R. Halstead

President

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. John R. Halstead

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Lynn Parsons

Emeritus Professor of History, The College at Brockport

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

MASTER'S DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

Dr. John R. Halstead

Dr. Anne E. Huot

PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF GRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. John R. Halstead

Dr. Anne E. Huot

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ms. Nicole S. Kaplan '13
School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Ms. Modupé Alake Irerua '13
School of Business Administration and Economics

Mr. Carmen Joseph Stagnitta '13
School of Education and Human Services

Ms. Tiffany Lea Mitrakos '13
School of Health and Human Performance

Ms. Lindsay Deanna Scott '13
School of Science and Mathematics

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

Dr. James A. Spiller
Assistant Provost for Research and Scholarship, and Dean, The Graduate School

Presented to

Mr. Benjamin R. Young '13

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING

Mr. Warren R. Kozireski '82/'95
President, Brockport Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Anne E. Huot

RECESSIONAL

(Please rise and remain standing)

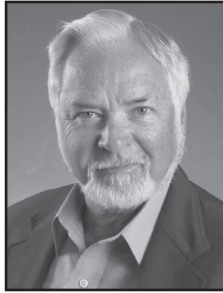
President John R. Halstead, PhD
Platform Party
Faculty
Graduates

ALUMNI RECEPTION

Graduates (new alumni), family, guests, faculty and staff are invited to remain in the House of Fields for a reception.

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Share your own Commencement memories on Twitter, Instagram and Flickr with the tag
#bportcommencement.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



DR. LYNN PARSONS

Lynn Parsons, PhD, is a professor emeritus at The College at Brockport, where he served for 34 years. Dr. Parsons received his undergraduate degree from Grinnell College in Iowa and his PhD in history from the Johns Hopkins University.

During his time at Brockport, Dr. Parsons served as president of the Faculty Senate twice and chair of the Department of History twice. He was one of the principal organizers of Brockport's Overseas London Program and was the recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that funded a year-long community commemoration of the 50th anniversary of America's entry into World War II. He is a recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and has been recognized by the State University of New York for his research and scholarship, primarily in the area of early American history.

Dr. Parsons has been interviewed by C-SPAN as part of its "American Presidents" series, and in 2004 he chaired a nationally televised session of the American Historical Association, which was also broadcast by C-SPAN. Following his retirement, he was appointed to the Speaker and Specialist Program by the U.S. State Department. In 2008, he was elected a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

His published works include a biography of *John Quincy Adams* (1998), *The Birth of Modern Politics* (2009) and several scholarly articles and lectures. His most recent book, *Missions and Meeting Houses, Chapels and Churches* (2012), is a study of history in the religious communities in Castine, Maine, where he and his wife Anne H. Parsons '82 now live. Their two sons, Christopher and Jonathan, are also Brockport graduates.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

The Distinguished Scholar Award was established to recognize an exceptional graduate student with a record of outstanding academic work and scholarship. To be considered for the award, a nominee must be a matriculated master's level student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.85.



MR. BENJAMIN R. YOUNG '13

Mr. Benjamin R. Young, who is graduating with a Master of Arts in History, holds a 4.0 GPA. His master's thesis on the Black Panther Party's relationship with North Korea is titled "*Juche* in the USA: The American Radical Left Experiences and Relations with North Korea 1969-1980." Benjamin's interest in the Cold War, Communism and East Asia led him to North Korea on two separate occasions to study Cold War history. He has published many online articles regarding North Korea and has also been a reporter for www.NKnews.org since

November 2012. Benjamin has presented research at the College's annual Scholars Day and the Master's Level Graduate Research Conference. He is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society and has received multiple scholarships, including the Anne and Lynn Parsons Scholarship for Graduate Study and the Distinguished Professors Award for Graduate Student Research. He also has been an assistant to many professors, conducting research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. "I hope to pursue a PhD on some aspect of world communism and East Asia or work in humanitarian/human rights organizations focused on North Korea," said Benjamin. "I also hope to mentor students and push them to become better students, global citizens and people, just as my professors at The College at Brockport have done for me."

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS

HONOR SOCIETY	DEPARTMENT	CORD COLORS
Chi Sigma Iota	Counselor Education	Blue
Eta Sigma Gamma	Health Science	Green, White and Gold
Kappa Delta Pi	Education and Human Development	Purple and Green
Lambda Pi Eta	Communication	Red and White
Phi Alpha	Social Work	Blue and Gold
Phi Alpha Theta	History	Blue and Red
Phi Beta Delta	International Education	Red and Gold
Phi Epsilon Kappa	Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education	Gold and Black
Pi Alpha Alpha	Public Administration	Peacock Blue and Gold
Psi Chi	Psychology	Gold
Rho Phi Lambda	Recreation and Leisure Studies	Sage Green
Sigma Tau Delta	English	Cardinal and Black

DECEMBER 2012 – JANUARY 2013 GRADUATES

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

Counselor Education

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Educational Administration

Brian J. Amesbury

Addie R. Bacon

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Suzanne Marie Newton

Colin T. Pierce

William S. Rivers

Charles Edward Robinson

Jason K. Roscup

Michael Patrick Sereno

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Communication

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Matthew J. Futter

Dance

Yuko Hashimoto

English

Allora Dannon Campbell

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Caroline Anita Lamarque

History

Lori Beth Bartkovich

Brittany Lane Belknap

Jonathan M. Whiteside

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Leonardina Lucia De Luca

Mathematics

Sean Michael Dana

Timothy M. Dorsheimer

Keri Lynn Steen

Psychology

Hilary Marie Weaver

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

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Bryan William Neary

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Alex M. Czayka

Dale M. Pettenski
Danielle M. Turk

Recreation and Leisure Studies

Ivonne Rios

Aaron James Zurn

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Kathryn Ann Clark
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Ashley Lauren Redino
Douglas Alan Schneider

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Kevin T. Swain
Nicole L. Tavolino
Nickolas Scott Tolleson
Kara K. Utegg
Lindsay C. Weise
Karlee A. Wright
Erin L. Yaworski

Health Science

Bunny Jean Dugo
Katherine Renee Herpin

Evan M. Smith
Kyra K. Yon

Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education

Julia A. Decker
David F. McAlpin

Vincent John Pezzimenti
Anthony William Smith

Ryan Lee Trevas

Advanced Certificate

Omar Hussain

Jennifer L. Kunze

Taryn Lynn Prescott

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Social Work

Lisa Viscuso

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Elise M. Schaffer

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Kelley Renee Batrowny

Michael W. Bourne

Heather Rebecca Costello

Delores Rochelle Davis

Jennifer Kelly DeWitte

Heather Anne Donnelly

Stephen Craig Eccleston

Robert D. Francischelli

Tricia Lynn Francischelli

Shannon Marie Gilbert

Torye Delnor Harris

Joshua E. Hunkele

Rochelle Marx-Asher

Jamie Kime Polhamus

Bradley James Pritchard

Heather Ann Randell

Jennifer L. Roberts-O'Brian

Rebecca Catherine

Sayers-Koski

Erin Kate Schneider

Erica Rhea Siebert

Jamie L. Tagliaferri

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Janelle Elise Danehy

Rose Louise Dovi

Ashlie Lauren Klepper

Christina Hart Knauf

Melissa K. Leahy

Yun Long

Roseann Elizabeth Pluretti

Dance

Marielys Burgos-Melendez

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Meredith Rae Doyle

Deborah Ann Green

Lindsay Ann Infantino

Monica Renè Lloyd

Patrick Lowery

Ceara Mocuiski

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Amara VerValin

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Paige Autumn Doerner

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Gladys Amanda Gray McCullum
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Janet K. Schroeder

Juliana Carol Utz

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Brian Murphy

Megan Magee Sullivan
Alicia Hope Taylor

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Brian Murphy

Megan Magee Sullivan

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Raquel Miranda Heath
Ambika Priya Howell-Persad
Wendy Lynette Johnson

Kristin Paige Manhardt
Emily Ann Marullo
Paula Kristine Merrill
Sarah Elizabeth Mess
Remegia Ann Mitchell
Erin E. Moriarty
Susan Lynn Murphy
Kayleigh Rae Nutting
Patrenia LaNette Olokor

Tara Marie Pariso
Lisa Francine Robusto
Anne Marie Sapienza
Margaret S. Smith
Rachael Suzanne
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Alison E. Stephens

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Cecilia Marie Christopher
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Maichi John DiNottia Jr.

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Elizabeth Anne Dolski
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Crystal Lynn Elliott
Casey Marie Erb
Wendy Jo Federico
Tabitha Renee Fidanza
Amy Marie Flynn
Kristina R. Graziadei
Cody Michael Groth
Manuela Berns Groth
Elizabeth Mary Hardie
Kathryn Joyce Horch
Julie Anne Hyatt
Victoria Iacubucci
Laurel Ann Justinger
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Kimberly Ann LeRoy

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Jed Moomaw
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Heather J. Wolfe

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Stephanie R. Baxter	Sabrina Marie Howland	Samantha M. Quackenbush
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Katherine J. Bochetto	Alexandra Katchmar	Jay Isaac Rosenthal
Carle Sue Boseman	Shannon Marie Koch	Brittany Nicole Russell
Melissa E. Brennan	Alyssa P. Litto	Crystal Marie Sawyer
James Douglas Brown	Alexandra S. Lomedico	Jillian Marie Scarfia
Raquel M. Cherry	Kristina Marie Loughlin	Karissa Setera
Fatima Rose Clarke	Havalah M. Lowery	Meredith Lee Sigl
Brendan P. Cooper	Ashley Kristine Madigan	Rachel Diane Trego
Margaret Alice DeBrock	Elizabeth Marie Magill	Amanda Tuttle
Eric M. Decelle	Lisette C. Maginn	Ashley R. Updyke
Carly Rae Decker	Elizabeth A. Merz	Courtney Jeanne Voss
Melinda DeMay	Amanda Rae Munto	Kaci M. Wadhams
Tanya Henehan DeNee	Rachel Muto	Robert R. Watson
Cari Elizabeth Dickinson	Erika Leigh Myhre	Melissa A. Whyte
Anita Okel Dorsey	Karin Eileen Nowicki	Sabrina Wing
Mary Jo Faticone	Kelly Theresa O'Brien	Mandy L. Worden
Kimberly Anne Fischer	Amra Omeragic	Rachel Laura Yunker
Jordana Graham	Stephanie Pastore	

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND RITUAL

GOWN

The long, black gown worn by faculty and staff at Commencement is symbolic of the earliest universities in Europe and their connection with the church. Although most universities and colleges are no longer closely associated with organized religion, the gown remains a symbol of formality.

Generally, the more elaborate the gown, the higher the degree. The bachelor's gown is the most simple, with no hood and long sleeves. The master's gown features a small hood and longer sleeves, sometimes with slits in the sides for the hands. The doctoral robe is the most ornate, with velvet panels down the front and around the upper back, long bell-shaped sleeves, and a larger hood worn on the back.

HOOD

The trim color of the hood indicates the nature of the degree. Most frequently seen on the College faculty and staff is the blue-trimmed hood of the doctorate of philosophy. Also present are white (arts), light blue (education), orange (nursing), teal (public administration), gold (science) and citron (social work). The inside of the hood often shows the colors of the wearer's university, with one or more brightly colored chevrons against a dark background. The colors blue and gold can be found on the inside of hoods worn by State University of New York graduates.

CAP

The origin of the square mortarboard is unclear. One authority claims that originally the headpieces were round and soft, but later were stiffened at the four corners to prevent

them from falling into the face. Versions of the original “pancake” hat, a kind of oversized beret, are worn by holders of doctorates from English universities and the University of Chicago. Most American doctorates favor the mortarboard with a gold tassel sewn firmly in place.

KENTE

The kente is an Asante ceremonial hand-woven cloth made in various colors, sizes and designs. Although its roots can be traced to 11th-century West African weaving traditions, the modern kente has achieved international recognition and evolved into a symbol of Pan-African camaraderie. The kente has a symbolic significance: every cloth pattern and motif has a name and a meaning. Originally, it was reserved for royalty and limited to special social and sacred functions. Today, it is worn during very important social and religious occasions, including commencement ceremonies.

MACE

The mace symbolizes the authority of the President of the College and is carried by the marshal who leads the academic processions. The College at Brockport mace was created in 1982 by renowned artist and former Brockport faculty member Albert Paley. It is made of steel, bronze and delrin (a synthetic metal) and weighs approximately 25 pounds.

MEDALLIONS

The College medallion, worn on a chain by the President, was also created by Albert Paley. It is made primarily of bronze with a copper accent and bears an impression of the College seal.

The gold medallion is worn by Chancellor’s Award recipients. Since the inception of the award in 1973, 173 of our faculty and staff members have received the Chancellor’s Award.

SASH

Certificate of Advanced Study candidates wear a gold sash to symbolize their accomplishment.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Twenty-seven members of our faculty have been awarded the title of Distinguished University Professor (the highest award attainable), Distinguished Teaching Professor and Distinguished Service Professor. Our faculty rank among the top in New York and nationwide.

FULBRIGHT AWARDS

Seventeen members of our faculty have been awarded the Fulbright Award. The Fulbright Program, the US government’s flagship program in international educational exchange, provides grants to US citizens and nationals of other countries for a variety of educational activities. Brockport faculty have lectured and researched in such places as Kenya, Russia, Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Morocco, Germany and Romania.

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE



BROCKPORT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, 1835–1866

“Without the Erie Canal, there would be no college in Brockport.”

~*State University of New York College at Brockport*, Gigliotti, Leslie and O’Brien

The completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 helped to create a thriving center for agriculture and commerce in what would become the Village of Brockport. Incorporated in 1829 and named for Heil Brockway, the largest landowner in the area, the flourishing canal port town focused its attention on building churches, good roads and schools. With a donation of cash and land from Brockway, the village leaders partnered with the New York Baptists to build the first institution of higher education west of Colgate University. The first “College at Brockport” welcomed students in 1835.

Years of hardship followed, brought on by economic downturns and a devastating fire that caused the institution to almost close its doors for good. However, determined villagers rallied around the school, and classes resumed in 1841. As an academy, the Brockport Collegiate Institute offered teacher training, elementary classes for your children, and academic and professional training for older students. In addition to the wide age range of students, the academy also accepted women and minorities when many other colleges were largely closed to them. In a very real sense the Brockport Collegiate Institute was the “people’s college of its time.”

BROCKPORT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, 1866–1942

In 1866, largely through the efforts of Malcolm MacVicar, principal and a leader in education circles, the school became one of the four new state “normal” schools established in New York.

Normal schools were part of a revolution in education taking place in 19th century America, in which the need for teachers to receive training was becoming more and more evident. Thus teacher training became a major focus of the school.

Charles McLean was the principal for the first several decades of the school and helped to establish one of the major elements of the Normal School’s culture, that of the Greek Letter Societies, which flourished at the school from 1869 to 1940.

BROCKPORT STATE TO SUNY BROCKPORT, 1942–2004

The last Normal School class graduated in 1942 after which the school officially became a college, meaning it could grant bachelor’s degrees. The enhancement of status was due in good part to the efforts of President Ernest Hartwell, who, like many other Brockport figures, played a leading role in the education movements of the time.

The Brockport State Teachers College was automatically included in the new SUNY system established in 1948.

The years after World War II were a time of tremendous growth for higher education, as thousands of veterans went to college on the G.I. Bill. Brockport began a period of expansion unprecedented in the school's history. When Donald Tower became president of the school in 1944, the entire campus was what we now call Hartwell Hall. The sole purpose of the school was to train elementary school teachers. By 1964, there were several thousand students and several hundred faculty and staff. The campus had expanded greatly, adding residence halls and a college union. As the College grew, it evolved into a liberal arts college with a number of master's degree programs. The first graduate degree was awarded in January 1950.

In the early years of President Albert Brown (1965–1981), the school's growth built to a height of activity with the addition of high-rise residence halls, a library and other building which make the campus what it is today. The school continued to evolve in the last years of the 20th century under the leadership of President John Van De Wetering (1981–1997), who launched the MetroCenter, Brockport's classroom complex in downtown Rochester.

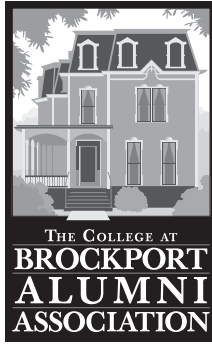
From 1997 to 2004, under the leadership of Paul Yu, PhD, Brockport achieved new levels of excellence, becoming recognized throughout New York and within the SUNY system as an innovative and dynamic institution.

THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, 2005–PRESENT

In August 2005, John R. Halstead, PhD, became Brockport's sixth president. Beginning early in his tenure, he developed relationships with numerous government, corporate and community leaders to increase Brockport's visibility in the region, and formed partnerships to further promote student success. President Halstead has overseen exciting new construction projects, including the townhome complex for upperclassmen; the newly opened, state-of-the-art Special Events Recreation Center (SERC); and the Liberal Arts Building, currently under construction and slated to open in fall 2014.

In addition, President Halstead has championed a major brand development initiative on behalf of the College. The College's promise—to reveal to each student, each day, his or her capacity for intellectual, physical and creative accomplishment—truly speaks to the unwavering commitment of faculty and staff to student success and to the promise of a multi-dimensional education—one that engages and develops the whole person. The change in the expression of the College's name to The College at Brockport, State University of New York, is intended to bring focus to the College in the context of the State University of New York—one of the largest and most respected educational systems in the world.

Under the visionary leadership of President Halstead, the College will continue to expand its programs with leading-edge technology, improve and expand its infrastructure, champion the success of students, faculty and staff, and continue to be a leader in higher education for the region.



Dear Class of 2013,

As your journey at The College at Brockport comes to a close, the Alumni Association would like to wish you the very best in all your endeavors. We are certain that your future accomplishments will continue to build upon the impressive foundation that you have established while a student at Brockport. We take pride in the success of all of our graduates, a reflection of the quality education that you received while you were here.

It may seem like time to say goodbye to the friends, faculty and staff with whom you have established lasting relationships, but we encourage you to continue those connections. The majority of your time as part of the Brockport family comes after you graduate. The Alumni Association's mission is to keep those relationships ongoing and to make sure you stay connected with Brockport for years to come. Through our events, communications, career networking and volunteer roles, you will have multiple opportunities to stay engaged with your Alma Mater.

Stay connected as you continue to *pursue something greater!*

Best wishes for continued success,

Warren R. Kozireski '82/'95
President
Brockport Alumni Association

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

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Roxanne Johnston, Vice President for Advancement

Kathryn “Katy” Wilson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

David J. Mihalyov, Chief Communications Officer

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Frank M. Wojcik, Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer

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James A. Spiller, Assistant Provost for Research and Scholarship,
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Darwin Prioleau, Dean, School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Daniel L. Petree, Dean, School of Business Administration and Economics

Douglas M. Scheidt, Dean, School of Education and Human Services

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