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To Marist Faculty, Staff, and Students,

We are writing to update you on Marist's octennial re-accreditation review, which will be conducted by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) during the 2022-2023 academic year. As you know, MSCHE accreditation is both an expression of confidence in an institution and vital to its functioning. To this end, the Steering Committee and eight working groups, representing faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumni from across the College community, have spent over a year gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing evidence to craft the College's self-study report. Preliminary findings have been communicated to the campus community in multiple formats and a brief overview is attached. Should you wish to review the full draft report, it can be accessed on myMarist under the Marist Initiatives Tab.

We are delighted that Marist's external review is being led by Dr. Kathleen Harring, President of Muhlenberg College. Dr. Harring has served as a faculty member, vice president and dean of institutional effectiveness, provost, and interim president at Muhlenberg College. She assumed the presidency in June 2020. We look forward to Dr. Harring's upcoming visits and the opportunity to benefit from her expertise and perspectives on the College.

Dr. Harring will make her preliminary visit to Marist next Tuesday, October 25, 2022 as an introduction to the campus, people, and environment. She will spend her day-long visit meeting with various constituents on campus, assessing the self-study process to date, and preparing for the Evaluation Team Visit. The full Evaluation Team Visit will take place March 19-22, 2023, when a team of external reviewers will be on campus to appraise Marist's adherence to the MSCHE expectations.

We would like to thank all who have been involved in this process for their dedication to providing an honest and evidence-based reflection to date. We look forward to welcoming President Harring and her team to campus and to engaging in a productive dialogue about Marist's past, present, and future.

Sincerely,

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Carol Rinke, Professor of Education, Co-Chair

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