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To: MARSTAFF

Subject: IMARSTAFFI Marist receives full Middle-States re-accreditation

Dear Members of the Marist Community:

We are pleased to share the news that Marist College has been fully <u>re-accredited by the Middle States Commission on</u> Higher Education, a global institutional accreditor.

The re-accreditation process has been a top priority for the campus. Re-accreditation brings us together as a community for examination and reflection of our own practices to ensure that we fulfill our mission. Being re-accredited also conveys to the public that Marist provides high-quality education and is a requirement for students to receive federal financial aid. The re-accreditation process, according to Middle States, "ensures institutional accountability, self-appraisal, improvement, and innovation through peer review and the rigorous application of standards within the context of institutional mission."

During a two-year self-study process culminating with an external review team visit this spring, we successfully demonstrated full adherence to the Commission's standards of excellence, while looking to our future growth and innovation. Of great interest to the Marist community, our accreditation status was re-affirmed without recommendation, suggestion, or any action, indicating the strong health of the institution. The external review team also recognized exemplary aspects of our academic, co-curricular, and international programs as well as our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Re-accreditation is a major accomplishment for the entire Marist community – faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees – and an achievement we all share. To each person who contributed to this process, thank you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Gunther Kodat, Provost and Dean of Faculty Thomas S. Wermuth, Chair, Middle States Self-Study Process Carol R. Rinke, Co-Chair, Middle States Self-Study Process

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