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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** John Jay College Community  
**FROM:** Oswald Fraser *OF*  
AVP for Administration  
**DATE:** May 30, 2024  
**RE:** Passing of Dr. Jay Sexter, Former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Dr. Jay Sexter, former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York.

Dr. Sexter was a driven leader whose commitment to education left an indelible mark on the institutions he served. He spent his professional career in various positions in education. In addition to serving as the seventh president of Mercy university, he served as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, district school superintendent, university department chair, a dean at Fordham University.

During his tenure as president, Mercy became known for its community-based outreach efforts, effective partnerships with New York City agencies including the Board of Education. In addition, government and private grants increased by 30 percent and the endowment more than tripled.

After he left Mercy, Dr. Sexter continued his career in education at Touro University working on expanding programs in California, Nevada, and New York. He retired in 2015.

As we mourn his passing, let us honor his remarkable life and the enduring impact he has had on countless lives.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Sexter's friends and family during this difficult time.