Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

I want to share with you information about the First-Year Student Showcase, the Middle States Preliminary Visit from our Team Chair, Distinguished Teaching Prize nominations, and next Tuesday’s John Jay holiday party.

**First-Year Student Showcase**

The 15th annual virtual First Year Showcase Gallery is live. This is how we support and celebrate our newest students and their intellectual growth.
Please take a few minutes to support first-year student work and research:

1. Carve out an hour this week to enjoy and interact with student projects on the virtual First Year Showcase Gallery (www.jjay.cuny.edu/showcase).
2. Join us on Tuesday, 12/13 during Community Hour in the East End Dining Hall, for live student presentations and more celebrations.

Preliminary Team Chair Visit Next Week
An Important Step in Our Middle States Reaccreditation

Next Monday, December 12, Dr. Philip Rous, the Chair of the Evaluation Team appointed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to assess how well John Jay meets the standards for reaccreditation, will be making his preliminary visit to the campus. Dr. Rous will be meeting with the President, the Self-Study Co-chairs Ned Benton, James Cauthen, and me, the Middle States Steering Committee, and the Financial and Strategic Planning Subcommittees.

The goal of his visit is to prepare us for what is ahead March 12-15, 2023 when the entire evaluation team will be on campus to ask follow-up questions about our Self-Study and to assess how well John Jay is meeting the Seven Standards for Accreditation.
Distinguished Teaching Prize Nominations

Teaching changes the world, one person at a time.

Listen to any of our Distinguished Teaching Prize winners on what motivates them, and you will be inspired by the high standards, the continuous innovation, and the dedication to our students. Are you a distinguished teacher, or is there a deserving colleague in your midst whom you should nominate?

This year I am increasing the DT prize money to $5000 in recognition of all that we ask and honor of our most distinguished teachers.

- consistent commitment to student-centered teaching
- dedication to continuous improvement through faculty development, assessment, feedback, and other means of learning, adapting, and refining pedagogical expertise
- development and sharing of creative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning
- demonstrating depth of knowledge of the strengths and challenges specific to John Jay’s students

Nominations can be submitted through December 16 to this link: https://forms.gle/PsLxavWZTpt6httFH6

John Jay All Employee Holiday Party
See you all at the party; I plan on winning the Ugly Sweater Contest,

Allison