

WAGNER COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Dear Colleagues:

As we enjoy the last few weeks of our summer, I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. This letter provides updates on Academic Affairs activities, as well as information that will be useful to you as you prepare your course syllabi for the coming semester. In addition, I look forward to seeing you at Convocation on August 22, 2019 at 2:00 pm on the Sutter Oval. This year, Convocation will be held during Orientation 2019, where we collectively reaffirm the significance of a liberal arts education. We will hear from our keynote speaker, Dr. Laura Morowitz, who was awarded the Faculty Award for Exceptional Performance in Teaching.

Promotion and Tenure

I am very pleased to share the following achievements of our colleagues. At the May 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following faculty members were approved for tenure and/or promotion:

Alison Arant, Ph.D. (English Department): Dr. Arant was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

Utteeyo Dasgupta, Ph.D. (Department of Culture and Economy): Dr. Dasgupta was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

Florin Pop, Ph.D. (Department of Math and Computer Science): Dr. Pop was granted promotion to Professor.

Sarah Scott, Ph.D. (Department of Art, Art History and Film): Dr. Scott was granted promotion to Professor.

Dane Stalcup, Ph.D. (Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures): Dr. Stalcup was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

Congratulations to our colleagues on their milestone achievements!

Our Kaufman-Repage Lecture will be held on October 2, 2019 at 7 pm in Spiro 2. We will be sending out more information about this important event by the beginning of the fall semester.

New Faculty

In a few weeks we will welcome the Class of 2023 and the following new faculty members:

Paul Barretta, Ph.D., Nicolais School of Business
Full-Time Tenure Track Associate Professor

John Epstein, Ed.D., Education Department
Full-Time Tenure Tack Assistant Professor

Professor Doris Ann Korona, Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing
Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

A brief biography of each new faculty member can be found under the heading “New Faculty 2019 – 2020” on the Provost Office website (<http://wagner.edu/academics/provost/>). I hope that you will welcome each of our new colleagues and show them the Wagner spirit that so characterizes our community.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our colleagues who have retired since the end of the Spring semester: Peg Horan, Bill Murphy, Ian Wise, and Carin Guarasci. I thank them on behalf of all the students whose lives they touched and for their dedication to this institution. We shall miss them, but we will never forget them.

Of course, I know you all join me in thanking Richard Guarasci for his 22 years of service to Wagner as Provost and, as the longest serving President in the College’s history. His vision of what Wagner could be, inspired this faculty to create the Wagner Plan, which is now entering its third decade.

Last Words

This year begins a new chapter in the life of the College. On July 1, Dr. Joel Martin became the 19th President of Wagner College. I know you join me in welcoming him and his wife, Jan, to our community. I am confident that, with his leadership, we will continue our commitment to the practical liberal arts and, as he said on the day of selection, serve as “a portal to opportunity for all who dare to dream big.”

Thank you for all that you do to make Wagner College such a special place for our students. They are transformed by the intellectual experiences that they receive both in and out of the classroom, and none of this would be possible without your dedication to the endeavor.

I hope you all return refreshed and ready to have a great year!

Sincerely,



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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs