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Mr. Thomas Brigandi
Treasurer, Macaulay Honors College Foundation

Sent via email: thomas.brigandi@thomasbrigandi.com

Dear Mr. Brigandi:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Macaulay Honors College (MHC) Dean search Committee. There is nothing more important to the future of an institution than the recruitment of outstanding leadership and I am grateful for your contribution to this important work.

Established in 2001, the Macaulay Honors College at CUNY is a highly selective college where New York's most promising students receive the financial and academic support to achieve their leadership potential. The College was designated the William E. Macaulay Honors College after a generous gift from City College honors alumnus Bill Macaulay '66 and his wife Linda.

Macaulay scholars have graduated with degrees in over 450 different areas of concentration. Currently, the College offers access to rigorous higher education to over 2,000 students with diverse ethnic, racial, cultural and linguistic backgrounds. At MHC, 87% of students graduate debt-free; 18% of students are first in their family to attend college; 56% of students graduated from a New York City public school; and 250 alumni are winners of prestigious awards including Rhodes, Fulbright, and Truman scholarships.

Macaulay Honors College offers exceptional students, transformative opportunities to develop their potential by inspiring and preparing them to solve the challenges facing New York City, our nation, and the global community. [Incoming students are provided with laptops and NYC Cultural Passports, which provides them free admission to hundreds of the city's cultural institutions.](#)

The search firm WittKieffer will assist with the search and the members of the Search Committee include:

Honorable Sandra Wilkin, Member, CUNY Board of Trustees and
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Thank you again for your willingness to serve on the Search Committee for the new Dean of Macaulay Honors College.

Very truly yours,



William C. Thompson, Jr.

c: Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
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