



COLLEGE OF
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mount Community,

Echoing the sentiments of so many, I would like to express my disappointment and sadness in the Supreme Court's ruling yesterday. The decision against a holistic practice of allowing institutions to consider race among the factors in admitting students to colleges and universities will have a substantial impact on efforts to continue to expand opportunity and diversity to students from typically underserved backgrounds.

We are blessed to be a part of a learning community that offers an educational experience defined by our mission and values. As always, we remain committed to being authentically inclusive and developing the whole person. Further, *"in the spirit of Vincent de Paul and Elizabeth Ann Seton, we foster an understanding of our common humanity, a commitment to human dignity, and a full appreciation of our obligations to each other."*

A proud Minority Serving Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution, we continue to ensure that all people, all learners, have access to a higher education experience worthy of their talents and ambitions. While race or ethnicity have not been factors considered in our admission processes, we are proud that our diversity is reflective of the greater New York community we so proudly serve, and to be recognized as among the most diverse institutions of higher education in the country.

Higher education is one of the greatest engines of social transformation—and we will always keep the doors of opportunity open to talented and driven students of all backgrounds. Our institution is stronger because of who and what we are and will continue to be. We are creative. We are committed. And we continue to be a place where all dreams are welcome.

With care and concern,

Susan R. Burns, PhD
President