The past few years have unquestionably tested our resilience as we have confronted not only a global health crisis but also systemic racial injustice. Of the many lessons I have learned during these turbulent times, perhaps the most important is that the bonds of our common humanity are unbreakable. Each page of this Annual Report illustrates the truth of this statement. Your generosity during two of the most tumultuous years in recent memory has been remarkable. Thanks to you, MMC has made bold progress, not despite the challenges that surround us, but in response to them.

At MMC, we excel at transcending traditional boundaries—between research and practice, one area of study and another, the campus and the city, and college and “real life.” The projects, initiatives, and programs highlighted in this Annual Report reflect this holistic approach, which is a hallmark of an MMC education. As our students learn to overcome narrow categories with expansive landscapes of their own making, they can design new and unexpected futures. Your generous gifts have allowed MMC students to forge exciting pathways through the bramble, to create the compassionate world they believe it can be.

I extend my sincere thanks to you for helping our small but mighty college do what we do best: prepare determined, creative students to make a positive impact in the world.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Marymount Manhattan College family. Thank you for giving our students the gift of an MMC education.

With appreciation,

Kerry Walk, Ph.D.
President
Creative collaboration and problem-solving are at the heart of an MMC education. Read on for a few outstanding examples of teaching and learning reimagined for a new era.

Sojourner Truth Suffrage Academy

The Sojourner Truth Suffrage Academy, a transdisciplinary curriculum spearheaded by 16 MMC faculty members, launched in Spring 2021 to explore the history of enfranchisement in the United States and beyond. The program, in collaboration with the College’s prison education programs, included virtual guest lectures from experts who weighed in on 19th-century women’s rights and suffrage.

Stand Up Speak Out

MMC’s Fall 2020 Stand Up Speak Out student-led festival, in collaboration with the Bedford Hills College Program (BHCP), highlighted the importance of higher education in stemming mass incarceration and promoting rehabilitation for justice-involved individuals. Through theatre workshops, poetry, art, and media, students were able to break out of their comfort zones to understand the impacts of social justice and education.

The One Hundreds

In Spring 2021, MMC Dance Company students taught their peers, faculty, staff, and senior leaders—including President Kerry Walk, seen above with MMC dancers—a re-creation of “The One Hundreds,” an iconic 1970 dance piece by Twyla Tharp, whose vision was to make dancing accessible to all people. The multiday program culminated with a group of MMC community members gathering in Central Park to perform the sequence in unison.
The IC opened its doors in Summer 2021 as a new space on campus dedicated to providing a welcoming, educational environment for students across marginalized groups. This space supports and sustains our collective efforts to cultivate an authentically diverse and inclusive campus environment by providing a wide array of resources, programming, and experiences focused on community-building, social support, and social justice.
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- Russell L. Carson

The Visual Arts Center will be such an inviting and lively space. It will inspire students’ imaginations and stimulate creativity beyond the boundaries of traditional artistic study and practice.

- Judy Carson ’03, H’13

$25,000,000 largest gift in MMC history

Scholarship funds are critical for MMC students, 80% of whom major or minor in a creative field. Of the $10 million gift, $7 million will be used for immediate-use scholarships, and $3 million will be used to create a scholarship endowment.

The Judith Mara Carson Center for Visual Arts will occupy 12,000 square feet on the eighth floor and a portion of the seventh floor of the College’s main building, Carson Hall. The new visual arts center will serve as a creative hub for teaching and learning, and for engaging and invigorating the wider community.

- Judith Mara Carson Center for Visual Arts

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In April 2021, MMC announced our designation as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Green Power Partner. By moving the needle in the voluntary green power market, MMC and other Green Power Partners are helping reduce the negative health impacts of air emissions, including those related to ozone, fine particles, acid rain, and regional haze.

**Green initiatives at MMC include:**

- Partnering with Bright Power, an energy and water management consulting company
- Using organic, pesticide-free landscaping tools
- Piloting an on-site, self-sorting recycling program
- Replacing Carson Hall’s north-facing windows, improving energy efficiency
- Significantly changing dining services through our food-service vendor, including a waste-reduction program, more plant-based food options, and sustainable eating utensils
- Installing a building management system that electronically controls utilities including heating, electricity, and cooling
- Implementing the Free Water Campaign, in which water-filling stations were installed and the sale of bottled water was prohibited on campus

2,900,000 kilowatt hours of green power are produced annually at MMC

100% of MMC’s power is purchased from renewable resources
Because of donors like you, we were able to raise more than $1 million at our Spring 2021 Annual Scholarship Benefit to support the next generation of Griffins.

“Receiving a scholarship to attend Marymount Manhattan College was honestly a blessing because I don’t come from a wealthy family. I funded my own college education. It was literally me with a dream. I was happy that Marymount was able to help me along my journey financially and also mentally, because I think that they saw my light. They saw my passion.”

– Emani “King” Mack ’20

“Scholarships level the playing field a bit and make the education at Marymount Manhattan available to anyone, regardless of their means.”

– Jim Dow P’11 Honoree
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Aisatou Ishimori ’23

A sophomore with a double major in International Business and Marketing, Aisatou is excited to explore new places and meet new people during the academic year. She was selected from thousands of candidates across the country for one of only 200 English Teaching Assistantships to serve as a language-learning assistant in the Czech Republic for the 2020-21 academic year. Her experiences as a biracial woman growing up across three continents inspired her to work with young people living under hardship, disadvantage, and intense discrimination. Aisatou’s vision is to make a real impact on struggling teens.
MADISON WEISEND ’20

Madison received a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program award for an English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea during the 2020-21 academic year. She was also a Boren Scholar and studied food, time, and women’s rights in India during her sophomore year in 2017-18.

ETHAN GIROUX ’22

Ethan, a Business major with a concentration in Social Entrepreneurship, was awarded the Student Program award for an English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea during the 2020-21 academic year. He worked for the city of Pittsburgh as a member fellow of the Sustainability and Resilience, Food Security Project. Ethan will have additional opportunities in a field of his interest.

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