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Dear Alumnae, Faculty, Students, Staff, and Friends of the College,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the unanimous election of John E. Klein as the ninth president of our College. The new president's election follows the unanimous recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee composed of trustees, faculty, students, and staff. The exhaustive and highly competitive national search included more than 100 applicants.

Currently the Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration at Washington University in St. Louis, John brings to his presidency a wealth of experience in leadership, educational administration, and fund-raising. A graduate of Princeton University, with a J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law, he began his career as a teaching fellow in Beirut, Lebanon. Following two highly successful careers in law and business, his return to education highlights his commitment to learning and his conscious decision to "give back."

John's childhood and adult experiences have given him a global perspective in direct alignment with our College's traditions and our vision for future Randolph graduates. Born in Argentina to American parents and multilingual, he lived throughout the world during his 28-year international business career with Bunge Ltd., a global agribusiness company. He became CEO of Bunge North America at age 39 and served in that position for 18 years. John's vision and leadership repositioned the company for enormous success within North America.

At Washington University in St. Louis, John serves as the University's chief operating officer, overseeing most non-academic activities including finance, facilities, human resources, information technology, and real estate. In addition, he manages special projects for the Chancellor.

Known for his high energy and outgoing personality, John's commitment to civic activities underscores his interest in his community. He has been particularly involved in education and the arts and has been a strong fund-raiser for many of the organizations he has served. He was an active board member of the two secondary schools his children attended in Connecticut and St. Louis.

With a lifelong interest in art, Klein and his wife Susan are involved with the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and have each served on the board at the St. Louis Art Museum. Klein was a founding director of the Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis and a long-term fund-raiser for Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. He is a life trustee of the Missouri Botanical Garden and a former trustee of the St. Louis Science Center.

John not only understands the strengths and weaknesses of single-sex education, he understands the complexity of the transition facing our College. He was raised in a family in which his parents, he, and his two siblings attended single-sex high schools and colleges. As a trustee, he helped merge two schools with long traditions of single-sex education into a coed institution, and his single-sex alma mater is now a coed university.

He clearly recognizes and appreciates the history and caliber of the College's academic program and the many things that make us unique—particularly the deep commitment to women's education. With his excellent business and management skills, his appreciation of a liberal arts education, and his strong support of the arts, it is easy to see how his background and passions blend so well with the College's strengths. It also is easy to understand our excitement and optimism for the future. It is the firm belief of the trustees that John Klein is the perfect fit for this position and for this College at this pivotal moment in our history.

John and his wife of 37 years, Susan, will be moving to Lynchburg in August. Please join us as we welcome them to our College community.

Sincerely,

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