

**Board of Trustees**

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Dear Members of the Canisius College Community,

With President John J. Hurley's recent announcement of his decision to retire from Canisius College at the end of the academic year on June 30, 2022, the Board of Trustees initiated the steps necessary to select our next president. As we proceed, the Trustees are mindful that selecting the president is among our most important duties and responsibilities as fiduciaries of Canisius.

The process to identify and recommend presidential finalists for the Board's ultimate consideration will be managed by a broadly representative search committee. Dr. Frank Lazarus, has agreed to serve as chair. Dr. Lazarus is president *emeritus* of the University of Dallas and former provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of San Diego and at Assumption College. A 1966 alumnus of Canisius College, he holds the Master of Arts (MA, 1968) degree and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD, 1972) degree in classical languages from Cornell University.

The Presidential Search Committee consists of 15 members representing the college's constituencies. I have appointed members that fall within the purview of the Board. I have also spoken with the deans of the college and the leader of the Faculty Senate. I am pleased to announce the following members of the committee:

- Catherine A. Bolz '85, MBA '89, Board of Trustees
- Martin J. Berardi '79, Board of Trustees
- Hamilton E. (Mick) Cochrane, PhD, Faculty
- Alyssa Hope Ann Deacon '22, Student
- Kristin E. Finn, PhD, Faculty
- Julie Anna M. Golebiewski '04, PhD, Faculty
- Anthony M. Kroese '14, JD, Alumni Association
- Francis M. Lazarus '66, PhD, Board of Trustees, Search Committee Chair
- Connie M. Pileri '92, MS '93, Administration
- Fatima L. Rodriguez-Johnson, MS '98, Administration
- David Sheets, PhD, Faculty
- Cynthia L. Skrzycki '76, Board of Trustees
- Thomas R. Slon, SJ, Board of Trustees
- Lillie V. Wiley-Upshaw '91, Board of Trustees
- Lee C. Wortham '79, Board of Trustees

The Board has concluded that support from a nationally recognized search firm throughout the process will be helpful. An RFP has been issued to select firms identified by the Board of Trustees, and the search committee will undertake this selection process in the weeks ahead.

Open dialogue and transparency will be of paramount importance throughout the process. The committee will communicate regularly with the college community and a website will be developed to keep you and the public apprised of new developments.

As Trustees, we are blessed to serve Canisius College and to share in that service with faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and friends who share our affection and devotion. I am especially grateful to the members of the search committee for their commitment of time and service to this process. I know they will perform their work with great care and excellence and guide us toward a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Berardi
Board Chair

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