April 27, 2022

The Board of Trustees and Members of the Fordham University Community
Fordham University
Cunniffe House, Room 104
441 E. Fordham Road
Bronx, New York 10458

Dear Fordham University Board of Trustees and Members of the Fordham University Community:

As a Representative of the Bronx, I am pleased to join you in celebrating the opening of the Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center to commemorate the many extraordinary accomplishments of Father McShane as the 32nd Fordham University President.

Since 1841 Fordham University has long stood as an educational pillar in the Bronx. Under his leadership, the University has grown in academic rigor and prominence. Father McShane’s commitment to diverse enrollment has left a prolific legacy here at Rose Hill and across Fordham’s global campus.

I applaud Father McShane and Fordham’s efforts to prioritize access and affordability for all students. Fordham University’s demographics are more diverse than ever, with 23% of undergraduates in the Class of 2025 being first-generation and 33% of undergraduates coming from underrepresented groups. Father McShane’s 19 years of efforts created more than 400 new scholarship funds for students and bolstered financial aid access to students across the board.

Congratulations again on these tremendous accomplishments. I commend Father McShane for his tenure in service to Fordham and look forward to supporting your continued endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress