Dear President Dougherty,

On behalf of the entire student body, we offer you our heartfelt congratulations and unwavering support as you transition from Provost to President of Marietta College. Your years of service as Provost have shown us your dedication to academic excellence, student success, and the values that define our college. Now, as you embark on your journey as our 21st president, we are excited to see how your leadership will continue to shape our campus community in transformative ways.

As Provost, you demonstrated a deep understanding of the academic and personal needs of students, faculty, and staff. You've been a champion of innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity, qualities that make you uniquely suited to guide Marietta College into its next chapter. The students particularly have commended the current administration's push to include student's voices in countless decisions. The willingness to hear students' thoughts and act on them, have allowed us to feel like we are active participants in the institution we care so much about. We also value the transparency and honesty we have received over the past year and are hopeful this will continue. We are confident that your familiarity with our campus culture, combined with your vision for the future, will ensure a seamless and inspiring transition.

Marietta College's strength lies in its traditions and the vibrant community that thrives here. Students at Marietta excel not only in academics but also in research, leadership, and extracurricular activities. From groundbreaking projects displayed on All Scholars Day to cherished traditions like Doh Dah Day and Late Night Breakfast, these moments define our time here and connect us to generations of alumni. The students value the President's attendance in these experiences, as it deepens our collective sense of pride and connection.

We know the transition from Provost to President brings new challenges and opportunities, and the student body stands ready to support you every step of the way. Together, we can overcome obstacles, build on our shared history, and embrace the new opportunities that lie ahead. Your leadership will be crucial as we continue fostering an environment of inclusivity, innovation, and collaboration that prepares us to excel in an ever-changing world.

We eagerly anticipate the journey ahead. Welcome to your presidency, President Dougherty, and welcome to a new era for Marietta College!

The Students of Marietta College