

September 13, 2016

Dr. Ramon S. Torrecilha Westfield State University 577 Western Avenue Westfield, MA 01086

Dear President Torrecilha,

On behalf of your neighbors at Pine Manor College, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to you upon your upcoming investiture as the twentieth President of Westfield State University.

Pine Manor College joins you in your efforts to provide accessible education to students in Massachusetts and beyond. As a peer liberal arts college, Pine Manor shares in Westfield State University's commitment to serve the under-served by ensuring that our students develop as scholars and enter into the workforce as citizens of the world. Our 96% employment and graduate school placement of students tells me we are moving in the right direction.

In your past nine months as president of Westfield State University, you have found new ways to deepen student engagement at Westfield State. Your "Westfield Experience" plan offers a coherent method for your students to remain committed to their studies and community throughout their four years, and prepare to become leaders in the workforce. I congratulate you in your achievements and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Pine Manor College is proud to join in the celebration of your investiture. Please accept the enclosed certificate of congratulations as a sign of friendship between our two institutions.

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Thomas M. O'Reilly

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