



Manchester Names 16th President

Dear fellow members of the Manchester community,

I am very pleased to announce that, following a comprehensive national search, the Manchester University Board of Trustees this morning unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Stacy H. Young as the 16th President of Manchester University, effective July 1.

With more than 26 years of administrative and teaching experience that spans the broad landscape of higher education, Dr. Young is currently serving as president of Montcalm Community College in Michigan. In addition to a 1996 Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Manchester, she holds an MBA degree and a Ph.D. in Leadership.

Members of the Presidential Search Committee are impressed with Dr. Young's commitment to Manchester's mission and values, her passion for putting students first and her track record of leading an organization that stresses the importance of serving others. She is a strong advocate for the liberal arts and, with experience in managing a two-campus institution, understands well the need for both of our campuses to succeed together in advancing Manchester's mission.

Dr. Young's strengths include growing enrollment, building relationships and effectively communicating. She has successfully worked with diverse stakeholders and is known for forming mutually beneficial partnerships with local and regional leaders. Dr. Young has been a leader in statewide and regional organizations in Michigan that are charged with advancing the interests of higher education. She will bring energy and a love for teaching and learning to her work.

As we approach June 30, gratefully acknowledging our past and the faithful stewardship and service of President Dave McFadden, those of us who served on the search committee are confident that Dr. Young will hit the ground running as she takes the baton from him on July 1. We are excited about Manchester's future under her leadership and the continuing impact the University will have on the lives of future generations of students.

I want to express my deep appreciation to all of those who served on the Presidential Search Committee, and to everyone who provided the committee with input concerning the presidential knowledge, experience and leadership traits that would best serve the University. I want to especially thank the committee's chair, Trustee Dave Haist. Dave has worked tirelessly throughout this process, spending untold hours to ensure this successful outcome to the search.

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