



Jayson Boyers, EdD Appointed New President of Rosemont College

January 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Rosemont College Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am proud to announce that after a comprehensive national search, the Board of Trustees of Rosemont College has unanimously elected Jayson Boyers, EdD to serve as the 14th President of Rosemont College.

This is an exciting time for Rosemont as we approach the College's Centennial Year in 2021-2022, and we are confident that Dr. Boyers is the ideal person to lead Rosemont College into the future.

Dr. Boyers currently serves as the President of Cleary University in Howell, Michigan. He is an inspiring, innovative, and accomplished leader with an impressive track record of success in higher education. His appreciation for Rosemont's mission, enthusiasm for *the POWER of small* and its many benefits, deep understanding of the landscape of higher education, experience as a proven leader, and his excitement for the College's future make him the ideal person to continue the trajectory forged by President Hirsh and to ensure that Rosemont flourishes for generations to come.

Dr. Boyers' selection by the Board was rooted in the Trustees' appreciation for the success that he has achieved at Cleary University during his tenure as its President, his commitment to Rosemont's mission, and the energy he will bring to Rosemont College and its community. As President of Cleary University, Dr. Boyers transformed Cleary's physical campus, rebuilt its aging technology infrastructure to enrich the student experience, restructured debt and strengthened fundraising initiatives to ensure financial stability, strengthened Cleary's engagement with the local community, and rebuilt the admissions systems resulting in a 24% increase in enrollment over two years. Dr. Boyers' commitment to Catholic educational values and Rosemont's Cornelian heritage will help to guide the College community to continue to fulfill its mission.

The Board set out to find a proven leader with enthusiasm for the College's future who will work tirelessly with the faculty, students, staff, alumni, and the Rosemont community to ensure that the College continues to flourish. We are confident we found just that in President Elect Boyers.

Prior to enjoying the success he achieved as President of Cleary University, Dr. Boyers served as the Vice President and Managing Director of Continuing Professional Studies (National Online Division) for Champlain College in Vermont. In 2017, he earned a Doctor of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership at Creighton University. He has a Master of Leadership Development degree in Organizational

Leadership from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from the University of Indianapolis.

Dr. Boyers is a nationally regarded expert in the field of higher education and has been published in *The Huffington Post*, *Diverse Magazine*, *WSJ MarketWatch*, *Crain's Business*, and *Forbes*. He has also been covered nationally for his education strategies in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher ED*.

Dr. Boyers will assume the role of Rosemont's President on July 1st, following the May 31st retirement of President Sharon Latchaw Hirsh, PhD.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Lisa M. Dolling, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, for agreeing to serve as Interim President for the month of June. Dr. Dolling will assume the role of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs on July 1st.

The Board expresses its heartfelt thanks to the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the College who participated in the search process and provided valuable input and perspective.

The Board also thanks the Presidential Search Committee whose work was critical to ensuring the success of Rosemont College for generations to come. The Search Committee worked closely with Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, a national search firm based in Media, Pennsylvania that specializes in higher education, to assist with the search through an inclusive process that included input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Rosemont College. The Search Committee included myself; Marcia Sichel, SHCJ, PhD, Trustee and Former Provincial Leader of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus; Ann Marshall '66, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Co-chair of the College's recent \$40 million Campaign; Kathy Trainor '70, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Retired CEO and Founder of Instructional Technology Group, Inc.; Robert Massa, EdD, Former Member of the Board of Trustees and Honorary Trustee; Tina Bizzarro, PhD, Undergraduate College Faculty Member; Adam Lusk, PhD, Undergraduate College Faculty Member & Faculty Council Co-chair; Karen L. Geiger, Director of Student Services for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies; and Julianna Capece '20, President of the Student Government Association.

With the assistance of the Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, the Search Committee solicited input through campus-wide open meetings, meetings with faculty, staff, and administrators, and an online survey and dedicated email account through which community members and alumni shared their ideas on the characteristics they desire for Rosemont's next president. The Search Committee used that input to develop the Presidential Prospectus and the criteria by which each candidate was evaluated.

After receiving interest from more than 75 impressive candidates, including numerous sitting presidents and provosts, with varied backgrounds and from a range of institutions, the Search Committee vetted and narrowed the candidate pool. The Committee ultimately invited four finalist candidates to participate in confidential on-campus meetings with additional faculty members, administrators, staff members, students, the President and President Elect of the Alumni Association, the Provincial Leader of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, members of the Board of Trustees, and President Hirsh. Following the on-campus visits, and after review of the feedback from those who met the candidates, the Search Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees interview three candidates. After interviewing the

three remaining candidates, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Boyers to serve as the College's 14th President.

President Elect Boyers will visit campus in the coming months to meet with students, faculty, staff, and alumni. When asked for his thoughts on joining the Rosemont College community, Dr. Boyers stated, "It has been a deep desire of mine to lead a college rooted in the tradition of a Catholic education that brings together vocation, mission, and compassionated reason. I am excited to continue the College's recent focus on increasing academic quality and developing new academic programs, utilizing the newly dedicated \$15 million *Sharon Latchaw Hirsh Community Center* as a recruitment tool, and continuing the momentum of the College's recent successful \$40 million fundraising Campaign."

I know you will join me in welcoming Dr. Boyers to the Rosemont College community and that you share my excitement about the College's future under his leadership.

For more information about President Elect Boyers and the College's search process, please visit [link to Rosemont website] after 1:00 this afternoon when the news will be shared with the public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Feeley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maria Feeley, Esq. '93
Chair of the Board of Trustees

This letter was sent via email to the Rosemont College community on Tuesday, January 14, 2020