



MERTON COLLEGE

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Dear Mertonian,

We hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health and spirits. As we collectively grapple with some exceptionally cold weather, we are happy to share some warming news with you.

We are delighted to announce our **2023 fundraising results**. Thanks to your loyal support of the College, we raised a total of **\$657,545** during the course of 2023. We are proud of the dedicated and engaged MC3 community that has made these results possible.

Highlights of the fundraising program include \$102,500 for the Chapel & Choir, \$100,740 for the new library, \$45,750 for the Reach Scholarship, and \$32,693 for the Ukrainian Scholar Support. In addition, MC3 had made a commitment of \$624,000 to the Regius Professorship of Mathematics, to be funded over a five-year period. Of that amount, \$182,500 has been paid to date with a balance of \$441,500 due by 2025.



Warden Jennifer Payne in NYC with Merton alumni

A community becomes a community through its shared goals and rich interactions. The Warden's first trip to the USA in her new role was a resounding success. On December 2, a fellow MC3 member hosted a cocktail reception for the Warden and the Director of Development, Mark Coote, in her Manhattan home. Over forty Mertonians, representing a diversity of matriculation years, attended the event and spent time with the Warden and one another. The party lasted well into the night! We enclose some pictures.



Mark Coote, Warden Payne, Amna Naseer, Nick & Marla Allard



Susan Cullman and Mertonians at the NYC gathering

Our next main event is the **Combined Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members, which will be held on Friday, April 5 at Hudson Yards in New York City.**

For the first time since 2019, this meeting will be held in-person (although proceedings will also be live-streamed). As usual, we will have a robust agenda for MC3 to conduct its business, including updates on fundraising, investment performance, and finances. We are pleased to report that Warden Payne will join us virtually for this event. All Mertonians are welcome to attend. Post meeting, there will be a program of fun activities, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Save the Date notice has already been emailed to all MC3 members and we will soon share more details about the event.



Finally, we are planning an in-person MC3 annual social reunion in the fall. This will be our first in-person reunion after a hiatus of four years. Please be on the lookout for details. We are looking forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,

Nicholas W. Allard
President

Robert G. McKelvey
Treasurer

Amna Naseer
Development Committee Chair

Note: Please visit our website www.MC3na.com for latest MC3 news and event pictures.

Change in mailing address: The MC3 administrative office is moving! Please note the new address for all physical mailings and contributions: **P.O. Box 9750, McLean, VA 22102**