



Dear [Alumni],

As many of you are already aware, President Minouche Shafik announced her decision to step down from her role as President of Columbia University.

Dr. Katrina Armstrong has been appointed as interim President. President Armstrong is a strong leader, she understands complex organizations, she has ties across the university and knows Columbia. I will be actively supporting President Armstrong and working closely with the University Leadership Team to ensure as smooth of a transition as possible and that Columbia Business School continues to thrive.

I know that over the past year, I've called on our community to come together many times, and I am deeply grateful for the way our alumni, students, faculty and staff have responded. As we navigate this latest change, it's more important than ever that we remain united and focused on our core mission of advancing education and research. I'm confident that, together, we will continue to build on our strengths and achieve great things.

At this moment, and at every moment for that matter, the university and our school is clearly focused on our mission. First, to provide excellent education and opportunities to all of our students, and, second, to advance knowledge and impact practice, continuing the long tradition of universities and of our school, acting as engines of innovation. It is in these two ways that Universities, and our school, contribute to society, and over time have truly changed the world around us and continue to do so.

We educate the brightest minds and advance knowledge at the highest level of excellence. And, building on the foundation of freedom of thought that is a cornerstone of our institution and our country, we create an environment that encourages open inquiry, allows for vigorous and constructive debate, and does so in a way that is welcoming and inclusive for all.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our students, each other, and the CBS community.

Sincerely,
Costis

—

Costis Maglaras

Dean and David and Lyn Silfen Professor of Business



Columbia Business School
665 West 130th Street
New York, NY 10027