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Dear Goucher Students and Families,

As we approach the midpoint of the spring semester, students, faculty, and staff are already looking ahead to the fall 2017 semester. The campus is fully engaged in building construction and renovation, enhancement to academic programs, and other notable initiatives. These are additional steps towards Goucher becoming a leader in liberal arts innovation, as well as in advocacy for access and equity in higher education.

As I communicated last fall, the college remains fully committed to providing an affordable education for all our students. **For the 2017-18 year, our full-time undergraduate tuition will not increase**, but will remain at \$42,600, with mandatory fees only increasing by \$24, to allow for some enhancements in student services. We have also implemented a more equitable billing of mandatory fees, as full-time students will now pay half of the fees in the fall and the remainder in the spring semester, as opposed to one upfront annual charge in the fall. Part-time students will now be charged prorated fees based on the number of credits taken. The room and board increases for 2017-18 are being held to three percent, even with the sizable investment in housing and dining services which is taking place across campus. The average annual room charge (standard double) will be \$7,500, and the cost of the 150 meal plan will be \$5,170. For students bringing vehicles to campus, there will be an increase in student parking fees, which is the first such increase in over 15 years. This brings next year's total estimated cost of attendance to \$59,810, before any financial aid is taken into account. Enclosed please find a schedule of tuition and fees as well as a letter from the Bursar detailing fall 2017 deposit information.

We continue to provide as much need-based financial assistance as possible, and raising critical dollars for student scholarships remains one of our key priorities. If your economic circumstances have changed, or if you would like to explore what aid or loan options are available, please do not hesitate to contact our financial aid office by visiting www.goucher.edu/financialaid or by calling 410-337-6141.

A degree from Goucher is an excellent investment in the future, as now more than ever, employers are looking for graduates who can solve complex problems together with people who are not like themselves. For the Class of 2015, we have data on 267 members of the total class of 308, and are pleased to share that **99 percent of those individuals were employed and/or in graduate school within one year of graduation**. In this day and time, price keeps way too many people out of higher education, or saddles them with unsustainable debt. Colleges must do our part to keep costs down, and at Goucher College, you have my commitment that we will continue to control operating costs without ever sacrificing the high standards for which we are known.

Sincerely,

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