

## Outside the Ivory Tower

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## Outside the Ivory Tower: Community Engagement

#### January 5, 2023

Michael Householder, Presidential Spouse Macalester College (Suzanne M. Rivera, President)



#### **Macalester College - Quick Facts**

- · 2,175 students (Fall 2022)
- Students from 50 U.S. states and 94 countries
- $\cdot$   $\,$  13% international students
- In Saint Paul, Minnesota (Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area ~3 million)





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#### **Macalester's Distinctive Features**

- · Signature **liberal arts** curriculum
- · Residential campus experience
- $\cdot$  ~ Unique  $\mathbf{location}$  in vibrant Twin Cities
- · Emphasis on citizenship within the wider world

from the 2022-2030 Strategic Plan





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#### **Macalester's Location**



#### Community Engagement @ Mac

- · Community Engagement Center
- · Community-Based Learning
- · Contributing Expertise and Research
- · Being a Good Neighbor
- · Expanding Access for Local Students
- · President/Spouse Leadership

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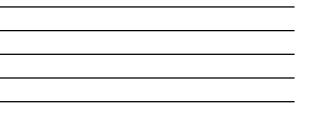


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#### **Community Engagement Center**







#### **Community Partnerships**





#### **Community-Based Learning**



## Contributing Expertise & Research



## Being a Good Neighbor





Supporting neighborhood businesses and street beautification



to improve safety





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**President/Spouse Leadership** 







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Carole C. Williams First Lady & Ambassador

H. James Williams, President

January 5, 2023

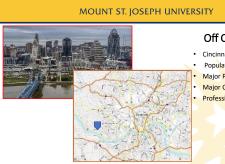
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#### The Community On Campus



- Founded by the Sisters of Charity
  of Cincinnati in 1920
- Catholic Liberal Arts University
- Student Population: 2,100
- Division III 23 Athletic Teams

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#### **Off Campus**

Cincinnati Metro Area Population: 2.26 million Major Performing Arts Major Cultural Sites Professional Sport Teams

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#### The Mount's Placement in the region

- Placement in the region affects my relationships in the region. What is the Mount's relationship in the region? Does the Mount want to change its relationship, its impact in the community?
- Can I integrate into the local and wider community?



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My Role at the Mount It's all about Me

My first discussion was with the President (a.k.a. my spouse)

Was there a specific need at the Mount for MY talents

Did the Board have specific requests of Me

After examining the needs of the Mount, the question turned to "What do I want to do?

At the Mount

- In the Community
- For Myself

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#### The Community Off Campus

- What organizations do I want to be affiliated with?
- Are there organizations that I don't align with or not interested in, at this time?
- Of the organizations that I want to work with, are there benefits for the Mount with my affiliation with them?
  - Are there current organizational relationships that the University would like to maintain?
  - Are there organizations that the University would prefer that I would not work with at this particular time for very specific reasons.

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#### Off Campus Involvement

- Volunteer and or join Organizations of interest
  - Historical preservation, and work with organizations
  - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati
  - Girl Scouts of Western Ohio
  - National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Social Organizations
- Market your skills
  - I am CPA, I wanted to keep those skills intact. I looked for financial opportunities with nonprofits.
- Seek collaborations with new organizations and the university

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#### On Campus Activities

- Attend sporting, theater, musical events
- Host Meet & Greets
- Host Luncheons, Dinner, Gatherings for MSJ's F/S/S/A/BM/SC
- Work with F/S on projects of mutual interest
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Etiquette Luncheon
- Career Closet\*

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#### Word of the Wise

- Don't make any commitments for the 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- Don't Get Overboard!

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# QUESTIONS?



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