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Dear Pace Students, Faculty, and Staff,

During my first few weeks at Pace, I have already had the pleasure of meeting so many of you and learning more about what makes this university such a special place. While we are all busy planning for the official start of the new academic year, I am also delighted to invite you to join me in looking somewhat further ahead as we begin the nomination process for speakers and honorary degree recipients for the University's 2018 Commencement exercises. This is our opportunity as a community to nominate candidates of outstanding achievement whose association will confer distinction on Pace and whose presence will enliven and enrich one of the most important days in the lives of the Class of 2018.

An honorary degree represents the highest form of recognition that Pace can bestow on an individual while expressing the values and aspirations of our University. Previous recipients have exemplified the following qualities:

- A positive role model and outstanding individual who publicly demonstrates thoughtfulness and deeds worthy of honor in a regional, national, or global context:
- A creative writer or artist; a shaper of ideas and opinions in today's society; a significant contributor to an academic discipline; or an entrepreneur, whose voice, through any medium, is aligned with the role of higher education in today's society;
- An individual with professional or personal accomplishment that reflects Pace's mission of Opportunitas; or
- Alumni and others who have contributed to the civic, cultural, or philanthropic life of Pace or the community in a significant way.

You may review a list of previous honorees here.

If you would like to propose a candidate who meets any one of these criteria, I encourage you to complete the nomination form here. All nominations will be reviewed by the Honorary Degree Recipient Committee, chaired by Sue Maxam, EdD, assistant vice president for undergraduate education. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Maxam directly at smaxam@pace.edu.

We look forward to receiving your nominations by **Friday**, **September 15**, **2017**. In the meantime, you have my best wishes for a happy and healthy new academic year.

Sincerely,

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