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Dear Colleagues,

I'm delighted to share that Keona Lewis, associate director of research and evaluation for diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will join the University as assistant provost for academic diversity and inclusion, effective February 1.

As assistant provost, Keona will oversee the vision, strategy, and community-building programs for academic diversity and inclusion. She will report to Maura Ryan, vice president and associate provost for faculty affairs. Keona will also hold an appointment as assistant professor of the practice in the Center for Social Concerns.

In her current role at Georgia Tech, Keona has played a lead role in developing, supporting, and evaluating programs for faculty, staff, and students. She also has established an impressive record of leading training programs on a variety of topics, including assessing conscious and unconscious biases and microaggressions. Previously, she was program review and research manager for diversity, equity and inclusion at Georgia Tech and, before that, an adjunct professor in the anthropology and criminology departments at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia.

She holds a doctorate in applied anthropology from the University of South Florida, and her research interests include higher education, the African Diaspora, ethnicity, gender, and educational outcomes.

My sincere thanks to Maura and the other members of the search committee – [Caroline Hughes](#), [Ronald Metoyer](#), [Cindy Muir](#), [Rev. Hugh Page](#), [Arielle Phillips](#), and [Christina Wolbrecht](#).

Because of the committee's passion and steadfastness, we are able to fill a crucial role in the Provost's Office. Special recognition goes to Maura for her leadership in chairing the search committee and guiding our diversity strategy as we sought someone to fill this role permanently.

Please join me in thanking the search committee and in welcoming Keona to the Notre Dame family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. McGreevy".

John T. McGreevy
Charles and Jill Fischer Provost
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