President

Manhattan College is a leading Lasallian Catholic college (https://manhattan.edu/about/lasallian-catholic.php) located in the historic Riverdale section of the Bronx, New York. Founded in 1853, Manhattan has a long and distinguished history of instilling in students the knowledge, skills and wisdom necessary for successful lives of authenticity and meaning. The College now seeks a dynamic visionary and proven leader to serve as its 21st president as Manhattan continues its tradition of providing a transformative education that touches minds and hearts by promoting community, faith and respect. Applications, inquiries and nominations are invited.

Manhattan College is widely recognized for preparing students of diverse backgrounds and circumstances for ethical success in their communities and careers. Its approximately 42,000 living alumni include CEOs and other leaders in virtually every industry – the arts, business, education, engineering, government services, health and the sciences, as well as professional athletics. Eighteen alumni are members of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering.

The College’s growing strength is evident in the loyalty and generosity of its supporters. The 2021-22 fiscal year saw record giving to the College, with alumni and friends contributing a total of $21.2 million in restricted and unrestricted funds. The dedication of alumni and friends also has contributed to the success of Manhattan’s $165 million capital campaign, Invest in the Vision, which was launched in 2019. To date, it has raised $207.1 million — substantially above its original goal. The campaign has attracted 36 gifts of $1 million or more.

This strong history of giving supports Manhattan College’s longstanding mission — to provide a contemporary, person-centered educational experience based on excellence and service to others. As a mission-focused institution, Manhattan strives to promote faith, respect, education and a strong sense of community, and its students encompass all faith traditions. Throughout its history, the College has served as a springboard to economic mobility for young people of all economic circumstances. Toward this end, the College remain dedicated to serving students who require financial assistance: nearly 40% of the 2022 freshman class qualified as Pell Eligible, or very high need, and one-third of students are the first in their families
to attend college. The College offers small class sizes and an 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio, and is a nationally ranked leader for https://manhattan.edu/about/roi.php (ROI).

Manhattan's 21st president will have a significant leadership opportunity to imagine, develop and execute an ambitious plan for an even brighter future for the College. In faithfulness to the mission, institutional values and the Lasallian Catholic charism, the next president will work closely with faculty, senior leadership, staff, students and a dedicated board of trustees to make the vision for the College's future a reality, encouraging accountability, open and honest communication, and a healthy and vibrant future.

In its next president, the Manhattan community seeks an exceptional leader with the management, strategic and financial acumen to help the College navigate the complex challenges facing higher education. The president should demonstrate the ability to build and retain a talented and high-functioning team, effective decision-making skills, and the capacity to optimize and grow the College's resources. The successful candidate will be a transparent, collaborative and decisive leader who can galvanize the community with purpose and action that aligns with Manhattan College's core values. The president will be passionate about and dedicated to Manhattan College's mission, understand its Catholic identity and Lasallian tradition, as well as the Catholic intellectual tradition, and be strongly familiar with and supportive of the practice of the Catholic faith.

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest reflecting the themes in the leadership profile available from this page:https://www.wittkieffer.com/position/23792-president/. WittKieffer is assisting Manhattan College in this search, which will remain open until an appointment is made.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer’s candidate portal: https://apptrkr.com/4073527.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:
The target salary range for this position is between $450,000 and $700,000 annually, depending upon experience.

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