September 2018

Dear Ms. Carstarphen,

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What does this mean? Wellesley embraces students by celebrating diversity and inclusion on campus, and by creating an enduring community in which all students can realize their potential. Paving the way are student life professionals, including cultural advisors, residential life staff, and religious and spiritual staff.

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Finally, Wellesley empowers students through leadership training programs highlighted by our new Camellia Student Leadership Awards. Our unparalleled career education begins with individual career mentors who help each student take advantage of the full Wellesley experience, including funded internships, study abroad, and service opportunities that develop the skills and knowledge needed to become change agents.

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Sincerely,

Sheilah Shaw Horton
Vice President and Dean of Students

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