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to WILLIAMS-ALL

Good afternoon,

I am writing to congratulate Chris Sewell as he has accepted a position as DEI Learning and Research Specialist at Praxis Labs which partners with organizations to increase diversity and inclusion outcomes through research-backed immersive learning experiences. Chris will begin his new position in June and will be continuing to support his programs and students here through the second week of June.

During his three years here, Chris has expanded resources and programming for first year and non-traditional students. In advising JAs and JAAB, he provided creative solutions to better support the entry system both before and during the pandemic. In his role leading the First Year Experience program, Chris has partnered with multiple areas across campus in welcoming our new Ephs and revamped some of our First Days programming while serving on a host of campus committees (including strategic planning, First Year Experiences, and EphVentures).

He also worked with the Office of Campus Life and the Davis Center to create the "TAPSI" (Theme, Affinity, Program and Special Interest) housing system. He has worked alongside The Davis Center, Admissions, and the Career Center to support students across campus and has been a tireless advocate for students and issues around equity and inclusion. Chris will be deeply missed by our community, but we are thrilled that he has been offered this opportunity, and know he will continue to make a difference in his new position.

During the transition process, the Dean's Office will provide our full array of services and will work closely with the student leaders and campus partners of First Year programming to ensure that students are supported. After Chris' departure, I will step in to provide interim support to First Year orientation and programming.

Please join me in congratulating Chris and celebrating all he has done for our community,

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