



29 August 2022

Dear AU Community:

By now most of you have seen Dr. Sherrick's message regarding her decision to step down in June of 2023. For almost 23 years, Aurora University has benefited from President Sherrick's strong leadership. The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful to have had such a dedicated and passionate leader. Collectively, we have appreciated her tireless work, dedication to our students, faculty, and staff, and her willingness to listen to and engage with the university community. Dr. Sherrick has led Aurora University through a period marked by significant advances in its student-centered education, infrastructure, and philanthropy. As Aurora University has benefited from Dr. Sherrick's ideas, actions, and optimism, so too have all of the people who have been fortunate to tap into her passion and optimism.

My work as a trustee allows me to witness how clearly Aurora University is loved and what makes it a great university: how dedicated our faculty and staff are, how remarkable the support is from alumni, donors, and friends, and how students are reaching for and obtaining a path towards their chosen vocation. Together we have realized many remarkable achievements.

In accordance with the university's Bylaws, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the appointment of the president, who is the corporate president and chief executive officer. The Board of Trustees has already begun the process of searching for the next president of Aurora University. As part of this process, the Board will appoint and charge a search committee to carry out the search. More on the search process, including broader community engagement in the search, will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

As we turn a corner and prepare for the next chapter, I ask you to look to the future of Aurora University as we continue to pursue together the fullest of possibilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chriss Johns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Chriss Johns, Chair  
Aurora University Board of Trustees