

**RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL R. HALLERAN
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES**

Michael R. Halleran received an A.B. from Kenyon College (1975), where he graduated *summa cum laude* in Classics and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his A.M. (1978) and Ph.D. (1981) in Classics from Harvard University. He served on the faculty at Connecticut College, the University of Washington and the University of Miami before coming to William & Mary. At the University of Washington, he was chair of the Classics department (1991-97) and Divisional Dean for the Arts and Humanities (1997-2005), and he served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami (2005-09). Professor Halleran joined the faculty of William & Mary in 2009 as Provost. He stepped down from that position in 2019 and was named the NEH Professor of Classical Studies in 2020.

As Provost, Michael R. Halleran was the University's Chief Academic officer. During his decade of service in that role, he focused on enhancing the College's academic excellence and promoting the institution's standing nationally and internationally. To this end, he spearheaded the overhaul of the College (COLL) curriculum, which resulted in an innovative liberal arts curriculum emphasizing interdisciplinary breadth but also offering opportunities for in-depth engagement. Provost Halleran worked tirelessly to implement the William & Mary Promise, a new operating and financial model for the University, which increased access, affordability, and predictability for in-state students, while providing more resources for university priorities. He also fostered innovation by establishing the Creative Adaptation Fund, designed to enable the creation of new projects and programs to allow the university to grow by capitalizing on existing strengths and faculty interests. Provost Halleran, appreciating early the importance of e-learning and use of technology, fostered several initiatives that expanded e-learning across our campus. Always eager to make the most of William & Mary's faculty expertise, he created the W. Taylor Reveley, III Interdisciplinary Fellows Program, securing support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Provost Halleran's efforts to enhance William & Mary's international reputation led to an increase in international students on campus and ensured the success of the Joint Degree Programme with the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

During his tenure as Provost, Michael R. Halleran played a key role in nearly every major initiative at the university. This includes co-chairing William & Mary's Strategic Planning Steering Committee; helping shape academic priorities in the university's capital fundraising campaign; increasing William & Mary's international presence and partnerships; developing and implementing a plan to fully integrate non-tenure eligible faculty into the life of the university; expanding the diversity of the faculty; and helping WILLIAM & MARY strengthen its identity as a liberal arts university and a public ivy.

As a scholar, Professor Halleran's research interests and publications have focused on ancient Greek language, literature, intellectual history, and mythology. He is the author of four books: three are translations of Euripides' tragedies with introduction and commentary; the fourth is on the stagecraft of Euripides. He is the author of a great number of articles and book reviews on various aspects of Greek drama and its translation. His translation and commentary of Euripides' *Alcestis* will be published digitally through Swem Library's open access initiative, and he is currently working on a translation and commentary of Homer's *Iliad* 1-3. Professor Halleran has served on the board of the electronic journal *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* since its inception in 1990.

Professor Halleran is a dedicated and gifted teacher. In the few short years he worked as a professor in the Classical Studies department, our students benefited from his expertise, wisdom, and kindness. They invariably expressed in their evaluations their appreciation for his style of teaching, praising it as student-centered and fostering collaboration and exchange. Students also valued his ability to make challenging material accessible and enjoyable.

As a citizen of the Classical Studies Department, Michael Halleran served in several capacities, including as Director of the Joint Degree Programme, on the department Awards committee, the Merit Review Committee, and the Post-baccalaureate program admissions committee. And he was equally engaged beyond the department on the Faculty Research Committee, the Committee on Faculty Awards, Professorships, and Prizes, and as chair of the Advisory Committee on Admissions Policy.

We are grateful for Provost Michael R. Halleran's numerous and lasting contributions to the University, and we wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the William & Mary Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Michael R. Halleran; expresses its deep appreciation for his fifteen years of service; and approves a change in status from NEH Professor of Classical Studies to Provost and Professor of Classical Studies, Emeritus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to Provost Halleran with best wishes from a grateful Board for his years of dedicated service to William & Mary.