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Macalester Provost Named President at Whitman College

St. Paul, Minn. – **Kathleen M. Murray**, who has been Macalester's Provost since July 2008, has been named the 14th President of Whitman College, a private, residential liberal arts and sciences college located in Walla Walla, Wash. Murray will begin her new position in July 2015.

"I could not be more pleased for Kathy Murray," said Macalester President Brian Rosenberg. "She will be a great college president, and Whitman has made a great choice."

At Macalester, Murray served as chief academic officer of the college and dean of the faculty. Her responsibilities included faculty hiring, curricular oversight, and overall management of the academic operations of the college. She served as acting president of Macalester in the Fall of 2013 when President Rosenberg was on sabbatical leave. Murray also oversaw the construction of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center's renovation and expansion, beginning with the music building, arts commons and gallery which opened in 2012 and the Joan Adams Mondale Hall of Studio Art which opened in January 2014.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the exceptional faculty, staff and students at Macalester College," said Murray. "I am excited to be joining the Whitman College community and I look forward to leading Whitman into the next chapter of its history."

Prior to coming to Macalester, Murray was the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Birmingham-Southern College, in Birmingham, Alabama. Before that, she was dean of the faculty and a music professor at Lawrence University from 2003-2005 and dean of the Lawrence Conservatory and music professor from 1999 to 2004. She was an associate professor of music and Piano Department chair at Lawrence from 1992 to 1999 and an assistant professor from 1986 to 1992.

After receiving her Bachelor of Music degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1979, Murray received her Master of Music in piano performance from Bowling Green State University in 1982 and her Doctor of Music in piano performance

and pedagogy from Northwestern in 1989. Her doctoral thesis was entitled "A Study of Aaron Copland's Piano Sonata."

She is the author of numerous articles on music and music education. She also has performed with the Lawrence University New Music Ensemble and on Wisconsin Public Radio, recorded on the CRI label, has given numerous recitals and has accompanied Cynthia Loebel at the Prague Spring International Music Festival.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,045 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at macalester.edu.