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Dear Claude,

I've known many people who studied at Brandeis, either as undergraduates or as graduate students, and I've been consistently impressed with their intellectual curiosity, their creativity, their academic rigor, and especially their dedication to our top-notch liberal arts institution housed in a world-class Research 1 university.

But you know this because you've experienced a Brandeis education.

You also know that Brandeis fosters experiences rooted in academic inquiry and inclusion, encouraging students to explore across disciplines, and equipping them with professional skills they will use throughout their lives. It is one of the greatest honors of my career to have been invited to lead the School of Arts and Sciences as dean a year ago.

My own path to this point has been filled with inspiring teachers, mentors, and colleagues who have all made me want to be better, more thoughtful, more engaged, and most of all, more curious. There is so much to learn and be discovered, and I love being in an academic environment where passionate dedicated people are working on so many diverse topics, using different methodologies.

We have big challenges ahead of us in the 21st century, and none of these problems will be solved by one person or even one approach. We need the diverse perspectives only available through the variety of disciplines found within a liberal arts context, precisely its combination of breadth and depth.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Shoulson
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

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