



Dear Colleagues,

We write to inform you that Rich Mendola, Enterprise Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice Provost for Information Technology (IT), has been named the new Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medicine effective March 15, 2023.

Rich has provided outstanding leadership for the IT organization for Emory University and Emory Healthcare since 2005, focused on enabling collaboration, synergy, innovation, and security across the enterprise. He also served as the university's interim Executive Vice President for Business and Administration in 2015.

Emory has made great strides in our information technology structure and security under Rich's leadership. A few of these accomplishments include:

- Consolidation of multiple IT divisions into a single unified IT structure;
- Creation of enterprise information security and research IT divisions;
- Alignment of communication systems across the university and health care;
- Creation of the Emory Center for Digital Scholarship; and
- A partnership with Georgia Tech that led to a state-of-the-art library services center.

While Rich's dedication, leadership, and creativity will be missed, we are excited for him to have an opportunity to lead at another of the country's preeminent universities and nationally recognized health care systems.

Today we also announce that John Ellis, Ph.D., will serve as interim Enterprise Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice Provost for Information Technology. Currently serving as Deputy CIO, John has held multiple leadership positions and has made significant contributions to Emory by transforming the IT division into what it is today.

Through the relationships that John has built across the enterprise over the past twenty years, he is well-regarded, trusted, and respected by leaders and staff throughout Emory. John's combination of knowledge, skills, and reputation positions him to provide the continuity of leadership and quality of service required for this very important role.

We thank Rich for all he has contributed to Emory and wish him success in his new role. Please join us in congratulating Rich and thanking John for his service as interim CIO.

Sincerely,

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