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Dear Cathy,

On behalf of the University community, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for your exemplary service as BU's 2018 Provost's Faculty Arts Fellow.

The BU Arts Initiative, as you know, was launched in 2012 with the purpose of integrating the arts as a rich, meaningful component of the student experience and encouraging students' active participation and engagement in arts programs both on and off campus. Building a bridge that effectively connects so many diverse disciplines and communities with artistic exploration is a considerable endeavor.

Your contribution to this effort, through your thoughtful planning and execution of Chinese documentary filmmaker Xu Xing's residency in Spring 2018, has been essential to our success. The residency was exactly the kind of interdisciplinary, global program that we envisioned for the Arts Initiative, exposing students, faculty, and staff of all backgrounds – as well as the general public – to the powerful perspectives Xu Xing channels and expresses through his work. Response to the program was universally positive – something Ty Furman and his staff attribute in great part to your vision and partnership in developing the class and event series.

It is in recognition of your passion and commitment in making the Xu Xing residency a reality, that you have been named the 2018 Provost's Faculty Arts Fellow. Not only did the residency successfully engage more than 200 people, most of them BU students, but through collaborations with the Pao Art Center and Harvard Ed Portal, you helped to raise the profile of Boston University as a destination for exceptional, thought provoking art. I am grateful for your willingness to go above and beyond the expectations of a faculty member to ensure that the BU community is exposed to high caliber, artistic work. Thank you again for your service, and best wishes for continued success.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "M".

Jean Morrison
University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Cc: Ty Furman