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[prattsils] Exciting news for our School

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Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and SILS community,

I am writing to you with you some exciting news –

Pratt's School of Information and Library Science, after 125 years of being a library school, is marking this anniversary with a new beginning. As of Monday, October 5, the name of our school will become the **School of Information**.

Over the past few years, our faculty, students, staff, and alumni have participated in and contributed to exciting developments as our programs have grown in scope, depth, and diversity to represent the enormous range of the rapidly evolving information field. By doing so, we have expanded career opportunities for our graduates as our programs make connections across libraries, archives, museums, and user experience, at the heart of today's information society and digital world.

Most importantly, we have grown in response to the focus and interests of students, faculty, alumni, and the School's professional community of practice. This fall 2015, we introduced two new programs, an Advanced Certificate in User Experience and Advanced Certificate in Digital Humanities. And making history, for the first time since 1890, the school has more than one master's degree program, a Master of Science in Museums and Digital culture—and we already have plans to offer a number of new and exciting programs in fall 2016!

This year, 2015, as our School celebrates its 125th anniversary, we are taking stock of the School's long and distinguished history of making significant contributions to education, research, and practice. At the same time, we are excited about our new and emerging place in the field of information as our programs have continually evolved and kept pace with this rapidly advancing field.

Thus, in addition to the Masters in Library and Information Science, the School is now becoming home to a growing array of diverse programs that represent the enormous breadth of the information professions positioned firmly in the context of the arts, humanities, and the digital culture of today's information society, as we more fully embrace and link to the mission and values of Pratt Institute.

As we move into the future, we will continue to evolve and transform through our process of assessment and creative innovation, as our forward-looking programs progress in parallel to that of today's information society in the digital world. We are proud to stand alongside Pratt's School of Architecture, School of Art, School of Design, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and School of Continuing and Professional Studies, as Pratt's School of Information.

Sincerely,
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