



Katie Caljean, New President and CEO Press Release

BALTIMORE, Md. (September 2, 2022) – [Maryland Center for History and Culture](#), where Maryland’s rich history, art, and culture are collected, preserved, and interpreted, announced a succession in leadership today as Mark Letzer, President and CEO, steps down and Katie Caljean assumes the position of President and CEO of the organization.

The Board of Trustees approved the change in leadership on Thursday.

“As I step down, I am confident in the decision to appoint Katie as my successor. We have achieved so much together over many years and she is the right person to take MCHC forward,” commented Mark Letzer.

Caljean has served as Senior Vice President of Education and Strategic Engagement and in various roles over the course of ten years. She has led some of the Museum and Library’s most successful initiatives, including the development of new virtual learning studios. Caljean has served in many capacities, from organizing fundraising events to strategic planning. With Education as her focus, she has overseen multiple departments, including K-12 education, university-level programs, youth and family programs, adult tours, virtual public programs, community outreach, strategic partnerships, and academic publications.

“The Board is confident in Katie’s abilities, her demonstrated leadership, and forward thinking on behalf of the organization,” said Clinton Daly, Board Chair.

Caljean told MCHC staff, “I am honored to assume the helm of this wonderful organization and collaborate with the next generation of arts leaders. Leveraging our world class collections, digital resources, and physical spaces, our talented team will strive to make Maryland history and culture accessible and welcoming to all.”

Mark Letzer becomes Executive Chairman of the organization after spending seven years as President and CEO and being affiliated with the organization for 28 years. Letzer has overseen a period of reimagining of the museum and its role in the community, its rebranding in 2020, and more recently its latest exhibition, *Passion and Purpose: Voices of Maryland’s Civil Rights Activists*. In his new capacity, Letzer will assist Caljean in the transition by focusing on advancement, special collections, and projects until June 2023.

“Mark has made a seminal contribution to the ongoing transformation of MCHC. He has overseen the successful completion of key initiatives, including the educational programming developed by Katie that now reaches a record 65,000 students and teachers each year,” Daly added.

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The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) collects, preserves, and interprets the history, art, and culture of Maryland. Originally founded as the Maryland Historical Society in 1844, MCHC

offers a Museum, Library, and education programs to inspire critical thinking, creativity, and community. Learn more at mdhistory.org.

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