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Dear Bekka,

I wanted to write to tell you what wonderful feedback I have had from colleagues here about your marvellous portrait of me. So many people have said you have caught the "real me", and the portrait is just as I would like to be remembered. It is a lovely modern image that at the same time fits perfectly into the sequence of Provost Portraits over the centuries.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the way you approached the task. You were so economical with my time, and worked really quickly, while still managing to get to know me and put me at my ease. You were so wise in selecting the approach and the setting for the picture, and I also really appreciated the way you kept me updated and gave me the chance to comment. Above all it was lovely to get to know you and see how a portrait artist thinks and works: you made the whole experience great fun, and I am delighted with the final product.

This was a really important commission, as the College's first female Provost - and you were just the right person for the job! I would recommend you wholeheartedly to other sitters.

Thank you so very much, and I look forward to keeping in touch and following your continuing success.

With best wishes

Maira

Moira Wallace  
Provost