The Department of Economics and Business at Randolph College wishes to bring to your attention our department’s recent ad in the JOE.

Randolph is a small, private liberal arts institution with a longstanding reputation for excellence in teaching and an appreciation for and commitment to diversity. In the 2015 edition of the Princeton Review, Randolph was a top 20 national school in the categories of “Professors Get High Marks” and “Lots of Race/Class Interaction.” For years, the goal of diversity has been part of our college’s vision.

Our new College president, Professor of Economics Bradley W. Bateman, has made it a priority to expand the diversity on our campus, including among the ranks of the professoriate. The college has further committed itself to diversity through its “Bridges not Walls” Quality Enhancement Plan, (http://www.randolphcollege.edu/about/initiatives/bridges-not-walls). This initiative commits us to increasing intercultural awareness and competence: learning to interpret experiences from the perspectives of more than one worldview, being open to intercultural learning and to people from other cultures without judgment, and understanding the life-enhancing role of cross-cultural interactions.

We ask for your assistance in helping us to diversify the pool of candidates and invite you to forward this letter to any of your colleagues or economics graduates who are in the job market this year who you feel might be a good match for Randolph. Should one of them end up being the right fit, they would join a small department—there are only three economists, plus two business professors—whose members are all active in the life of the College and in the life of the community.

Randolph College is a good place to work. It is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Lynchburg is an active town with theater, music, sports (including a single-A baseball team), miles of hiking and biking trails (with the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail system nearby), the James River flowing at the edge of downtown, a growing local food scene, and many historical attractions.

Please invite your colleagues or students to contact me directly at (434-947-8502) or (jabell@randolphcollege.edu).

Sincerely,

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