

# LEARNING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear members of the faculty,

This is an exciting time at Greenville Technical College. The campus transformation that began with the Dreisbach/Anderson Student Success Center has gained tremendous momentum, and we begin Fall Semester by welcoming the inaugural group of students to the Prisma Health Center for Health & Life Sciences. A bridge connecting those two buildings will open this fall, and a short distance away, the Child Development Center and the Administration building have been renovated. Signage and wayfinding bearing our new branding will soon help students find their way to all of these destinations.

The education taking place within our facilities has also undergone improvement. For example, a transitional studies reform committee led by Complete College America Committee Chair Dr. Candice Lewis and co-vice chairs Leigh Ann Owen and Chuck Baker quickly implemented needed change. The team developed a new way to measure transitional student success called throughput analysis and redesigned our admissions and placement process. Next, they secured college funding to support a free accelerated math boot camp and developed co-requisite courses for English and math. The new approach should dramatically increase student success rates. Strategic finance, guided pathways, advising reform, and student scheduling projects – also part of CCA initiatives – are well underway or will be launching soon.

As we look ahead, transformation of buildings and learning, and with them the lives of those we teach, will continue the transformation of buildings and learning, and with them, The Center for Welding and Automation Excellence is coming to the Brashier Campus, where we expect to solve the welding challenge in workforce development. Plans for a Center for Industrial Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence are moving forward. AI is here to stay, and a college taskforce has been charged with developing an AI policy and procedures to help us take advantage of its opportunities and mitigate its challenges.

All of this progress and more is a direct result of your willingness to embrace change and find innovative solutions to the challenges our students and our employer partners face. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead as we continue on the path to excellence we have forged.