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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the 2026–2027 academic year!

As I reflect on my first year at Skyline College, I am reminded that everything we have accomplished together has been in service of our mission: **to empower and transform a global community of learners**. That mission is why we exist, and it continues to guide every decision we make. Over the past year, you've heard me speak often about **Access, Completion and Elevation (ACE)**. ACE is not separate from our mission, vision and values. Rather, it is the lens through which I believe we can bring them to life each day—by making data-informed decisions, embracing accountability, strengthening our strategy and remaining focused on the outcomes that matter most for our students.

Over the past year, we've made tremendous progress together. Because of your dedication, Skyline College continues to grow as a place where students from every background can thrive. We welcomed more students to our campus, strengthened our learning communities, expanded opportunities for adult learners seeking to upskill and reskill, celebrated remarkable student and employee achievements, opened our new Student Services & Workforce Center and assembled a leadership team committed to collaboration, innovation and student success. Every one of these accomplishments reflects our shared commitment to empowering students and transforming lives.

Now, we turn our attention to what comes next.

This year is about building on our momentum with purpose. We will continue strengthening **access** by making it easier for students to connect with the services, spaces and support systems that help them succeed. We'll fully activate Building 2 as a student-centered hub while completing our new Learning Community Village in building 4, and continuing to develop Skyline's Innovation Hub. These investments are about much more than facilities—they are about creating environments where students feel they belong, where innovation flourishes and where learning prepares them for a rapidly changing world.

We'll also deepen our focus on **completion and elevation** by preparing students not only to earn degrees and certificates, but to thrive in meaningful careers and achieve greater economic mobility. Community colleges have become one of our nation's most important engines of opportunity, and Skyline is uniquely positioned to lead. As technology continues to reshape our region, we have an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen partnerships with our K-12 schools, universities, employers and community organizations while ensuring our programs remain aligned with the future of work.



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Just as importantly, we will continue leading with transparency, collaboration and evidence-based decision-making. Last year gave us a strong start. This year is about following through. Momentum matters. The work ahead will require all of us to remain focused, adaptable and united around our shared purpose. When we do that, we create the conditions for every student—not only to access higher education, but to complete their goals and elevate their lives, their families and their communities.

I remain incredibly grateful to serve alongside each of you. Whether you teach in a classroom, support students behind the scenes, maintain our campus, develop innovative programs, mentor colleagues or lead teams, you are advancing Skyline College's mission every day. Thank you for your commitment, your expertise and your belief in our students.

I am excited to begin my second year with you and even more excited about what we will accomplish together.

Let's make this our strongest year yet.

With gratitude,

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