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A Letter from the President August 2019

Where did the summer go?

As I sit writing this president's letter, I look back over the summer and wonder, where has it gone? Time does indeed fly. For many of us, school starts in just a

few short weeks and with it comes a new group of students full of excitement and big dreams. We, as educators, have the opportunity to help students fulfill those dreams. We work in a profession where we get help students take that next step along their journey. For some students, starting college is an easy step for they have known all along, they were going to school. For others, though, it is a scary adventure and something they are not at all sure about doing. It is our job to work with all students, no matter where they come from or how they arrive at our door. Identifying a student's mindset and teaching with compassion can go a long way in helping us support them in the manner they need. Thus, every student who walks through our door is impacted by us. How we interact with students and the quality of that interaction matters. In 2016, Pearson conducted a survey of students, teachers, parents, principals, and policymakers in the U.S. on what makes a teacher effective. Their research identified the top five qualities of an effective teacher as

1. having the ability to develop relationships with their students,
2. being patient, caring and kind,
3. understanding the knowledge of their learners,
4. being dedicated to teaching, and
5. being able to engage students in their learning.

While these are qualities of good teaching, I believe that it no matter what our role is at our institution, we can and should have these qualities. For when we do, students benefit, and they come one step closer to achieving their dream.

For me, fall is always an exciting time. It is the beginning of a school year, football starts, and the weather is about to get cooler. It's a beautiful time of year. My hope and wish are that each of you has a terrific fall semester. I look forward to hearing about it.

**The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams ~
Eleanor Roosevelt**

Peterson-Deluca (2016). Top five qualities of effective teachers, according to students. Retrieved from <https://www.pearsoned.com/top-five-qualities-effective-teachers/>.

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MEET Leah!



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An interesting fact about Leah: After working in diversity and social justice programs in higher education for over a decade, she transitioned last year into developmental education. She is excited for the opportunity to analyze the intersections of social justice and developmental education/academic success, and to continue to mindfully draw our attention and focus here to best serve and support our students.

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