

Greetings Colleagues,

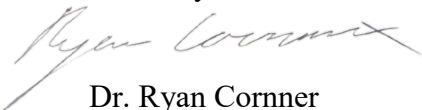
I am honored to join the Glendale Community College family and work with each of you in service to, and in care of, our students and the community. GCC has always been an exemplar for effective governance and for how collaboration can result in exceptional achievements for our students. The past months, I have been met with genuine kindness from all with whom I have been able to engage. I am truly excited to be continuing the great work of this college.

Last month, we celebrated the achievement of our students with the first in-person graduation since the pandemic. Commencement served as a tribute to the excellence in leadership and collaboration that allowed the college to continue its mission in the shadow of a global pandemic and as a celebration of the success of our students who persevered through it all. Their success is a reminder of why we each do what we do and the impact that this work has on the students we serve. The care we show for our students is one of the most important factors in their success, and I would like to thank you all for your continued support and dedication.

We enter the new academic year still facing uncertainty - in the pandemic, the economy and within higher education. There is a continued need to engage our students and welcome them back to our campuses. There is a need to balance our excellence in remote learning and service, with a strong on-ground community. There is a need to innovate in the face of uncertainty and empower one another to implement novel means of support for our students. GCC is exceptionally positioned to lead in this new era of higher education. Our structures are built on collaboration and trust; a requisite for experimentation and development of original ideas that can better support our students.

I am pleased to join you in this collaboration in our mutual commitment to the care of our students. I look forward to learning from each other as we move toward meeting our vision and the goals of the Strategic Plan. To build on our value of wide participation in decision-making, I welcome all who are interested in joining me for office hours throughout the summer. These convenings are an opportunity to get to know one another and engage in collective dialog on the needs of the College. I welcome all ideas on how we can best serve our students. Please join me in-person from 11:00 a.m. to Noon in the President's Office every other Thursday beginning July 7th. In addition, I will host remote convenings ([Zoom link](#)) on the alternating Thursday beginning in the afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning July 14th.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ryan Cornner

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