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Greetings GCC Colleagues,

We would like to welcome everyone back for the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year. This semester is already off to hot start, both figuratively and literally. Today, thousands of students braved the heat for the first day of classes. It was a testament to the work put in by all departments to outreach to the community and bring in the next generation of GCC students. We are proud that enrollment is up more than 10% and our onsite climate is being energized as we are working toward our pre-COVID footprint.

This past year, we have worked hard to support students, building on the culture of care that is built into the historic roots of our institution. The faculty, staff and administrators have led in these efforts to ensure that students are felt welcomed and included on our campuses. This is the work that will continue in the coming year as we delve deep to enhance retention of students and assure more of them are completing their academic goals. Classified professionals will be presenting recommendations for improvements as we embark on becoming a [Caring Campus](#), faculty will be building on their retention work at this semester's Institute Day, and together we will be working to ensure all students experience exceptional instruction and support.

To this end, we would like to thank you for the work you have done and the efforts on which we are about to engage. You are what makes GCC the place that our students feel proud to attend. We are grateful for all you do and eager to hear more about your work and how we can go even further. This semester, we will continue to host President's Office Hours, to engage as colleagues and discuss important College issues. More details will come as these Office Hours approach, but please mark your calendars for:

Monday, September 11th at 12:30 on the Verdugo Campus
Tuesday, September 19th at 12:30 on the Garfield Campus
Thursday, October 19th at 4:30 on the Verdugo Campus
Tuesday, October 24th at 4:30 hosted remote by Zoom

Thank you all again for your continued support and dedication to GCC, our students, and community.

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