

This April, as we celebrate *National Community College Month* with community colleges across the country, I'm excited to recognize our college for its many contributions to the educational and economic well-being of our district community this past year. *AACC*, the American Association of Community Colleges, celebrates the power of community colleges and throughout the month, Illinois community colleges have highlighted the collective impact on the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

You are invited to join in celebrating Community College Month by spreading the word about the many advantages of a community college education - small class size, high quality & innovative teaching, affordable tuition, area of study choice, accessible support services, and more!

I am so proud of our strong commitment & dedication to working together in order to ensure college success for every student, regardless of who they are and what their aspirations may be. Now is the time many in our community, particularly adults, need us more than ever to reconnect them to the abundant resources and opportunities we provide.

Our efforts in adopting and initiating Guided Pathways have prepared us well for this moment through developing an institutional framework for the path; prioritizing steps for getting our students on the path; fostering a sense of belonging and self-reflection for keeping students on the path; being accountable for assessing and ensuring learning for student success.

Supporting students in the best ways possible is paramount throughout this process of pursuing academic programs and career-specific goals in higher education. So, our commitment is to let no student walk alone in their educational journey. At Triton College, our mission says it all - "Valuing the Individual, Educating and Serving the Community."

With Appreciation, President Moore