

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Community College of Rhode Island!

More than 70,000 graduates call the Community College of Rhode Island their alma mater, and I invite you to learn how the largest public institution of higher education in the state can support your postsecondary academic success.

Whether you plan to transfer to a four-year college or work for one of Rhode Island's high-wage, high-demand employers after graduation, at CCRI you will find a community of dedicated faculty and staff members working together to support you through graduation.

Here, our Guided Pathways will provide you with clear Academic and Career Paths (<https://www.ccri.edu/pathways/>) to graduation in one of our 90-plus programs leading to a seamless transfer to Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island. When you select one of our seven paths, you will become a member of a learning community, form relationships with other students who share your interests, interact with faculty in your area of study and receive guidance geared to your career goals.

Across the college, we are collaborating on initiatives that support our Strategic Plan (<https://www.ccri.edu/stratplan/>) goals to enhance student success and completion; expand partnerships and programs; and strengthen our institutional effectiveness. We are all working every day to support you from the moment you first arrive on our campus until you cross our graduation stage.

Our CCRI community is inclusive and diverse. We serve first-generation college students, recent high school graduates and working adults. We educate veterans who have returned from deployment and are embarking on their second career. We serve high school seniors enrolled through our Running Start program, eager to get a head start on the college experience, and we welcome adult learners who are setting foot inside an institution of higher learning for the first time after many years. Our diversity is a point of pride for us, and our students inspire us every day.

We know higher education enriches the lives of our students and their families, and we are proud to provide all Rhode Islanders with the opportunity to successfully pursue postsecondary education and high-quality employment.

My team and I look forward to seeing you on campus and supporting your success as a member of our CCRI community.

Sincerely,
Rosemary A. Costigan, Ph.D., R.N.
Interim President
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