

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to the Community College of Rhode Island, New England's largest community college!

You are joining a college community that includes more than 70,000 graduates who are working in boardrooms, hospitals, and businesses across our state and beyond. You are also entering a college dedicated to helping you succeed. We are committed to giving you an outstanding education so you can graduate, transfer to a four-year college, and secure quality employment.

Whether you are a recent high-school graduate or an adult learner, you have taken an important step by enrolling at CCRI. You have chosen to commit yourself to your education. In return, you will find a community of dedicated faculty and staff members working together to support you through graduation.

Our CCRI community is inclusive and diverse. We serve first-generation college students, recent high-school graduates, and working parents. 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 in 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.

In this catalog, you will find an introduction to our college's program offerings and support services. Please also refer to our website (<https://www.ccri.edu>). We look forward to supporting you as a valued member of our CCRI community.

Sincerely,

Meghan Hughes, Ph.D.  
CCRI President