



Dear Campus Community,

It is remarkable how quickly time passes. Six years ago, our institution embarked on an ambitious effort to redesign how we guide and support students through their educational journey. As we mark this Guided Pathways milestone, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished together, and why this work continues to matter for every member of our campus community, including colleagues who have joined us more recently.

Six years ago, Triton joined a growing number of community colleges and four-year institutions nationwide in adopting the Guided Pathways framework to redesign academic programs and student support services. With guidance from coaches at Achieving the Dream and the leadership of a 10-member campus steering committee, we began a comprehensive, multi-year effort grounded in a shared commitment to student success.

Together, faculty, staff and administrators reexamined how students experience Triton—from entry through completion. We developed clearly mapped course sequences, strengthened advising so students can explore and choose programs with confidence, launched a Transfer Center, enhanced early alerts and proactive advising to keep students on track, improved scheduling systems, and expanded support services to address academic and non-academic barriers.

These changes have led to measurable progress. Our retention rate has risen to nearly 70 percent, and our graduation rate has increased to about 30 percent. More students are completing credentials, transferring successfully and advancing toward bachelor's degrees. Through redesigned developmental education to corequisites and expanded wraparound supports, we help students start strong, stay focused and finish what they begin.

Our collective efforts have also earned national recognition from the Aspen Institute, based on improvements in retention, completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment. This acknowledgement affirms what we already know: when we align our work around student success, institutional sustainability and commitment to innovation, meaningful outcomes follow.

Guided Pathways is not a finished project. It is an ongoing commitment to collaboration, continuous improvement and shared responsibility for student success. We are redesigning the use of time in our students' educational lives to further support the success of all students. And with your active engagement, Triton students will experience clearer direction, stronger support and access to greater opportunity.

Thank you for all you do to make Triton a place where students can achieve their goals and transform their lives.

With appreciation,
President Moore