



Campus Community,

Shining moments continue to occur on and off campus as our spring semester progresses. As you notice these moments, I encourage you to share and post them via the [Shining Moments page](#).

Our student-centered agenda is actively supporting our students with your efforts of engaging our vision for a community with equitable opportunity for growth and success.

Since 2009, the college has engaged with the Achieving the Dream network to align our strategic thinking and actions with data informed research and practices to strengthen our community engagement and student outcomes. This year, as we have done every year since joining ATD, the college invited a group of faculty and staff to participate in the annual DREAM conference. A virtual platform supported a variety of network opportunities as well as plenary and concurrent sessions. The five DREAM 2021 themes were a bold, new access agenda; centering racial equity; listening in new ways in the age of big data; fostering teaching and learning excellence; and leveraging our localness.

I was so encouraged to listen and learn from our [campus attendees](#) about their DREAM 2021 experience during our recent conference debrief and thus, I wish to share a few comments which highlight important points of strategy, understanding and potential impact applicable to our college. Also, I invite you to reach out to your participating colleagues or hear from them in various forums over the next couple of weeks.

“How to get students experience while they are working. On-campus “earn and learn” model: Consider bringing jobs to college, students have opportunity to do “real” jobs on-campus. Turn classroom into a company workspace.”

Patrick Kane, CIS Adjunct Faculty

“As an instructor of future educators, I hope to share the knowledge gained in this workshop with my own students. The session on relationship building resonated with me because, in order for new majority students to feel successful, an instructor needs to create meaningful relationships with their students throughout the semester.”

Angela Staunton, Education Faculty

I am particularly pleased this year to recognize one of our students, Sarah Cuevas, selected as one of eight students nationally in the ATD network, via a rigorous selection process, to receive the

designation of DREAM 2021 SCHOLAR. This special designation is a student engagement and leadership development opportunity for ATD network students. Sarah, a pre-veterinary major, and soon-to-be May 2021 Triton graduate, impressed all with whom she came in contact with and I am honored to share Sarah's [I AM FROM poem](#).

As we navigate our current environment, let's continue to learn from others, colleagues as well as our students, and appreciate the good work occurring in our midst.

May every day this year be a good one,

President Moore