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LETTER FROM THE PROVOST

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Teaching and Learning Excellence through Scholarship (TALES)*. As Chief Academic Officer, I am naturally inclined to advance excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship. At the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), the enterprise takes on an even more noble dimension. The pursuit emerges right from the ranks of the faculty, an incomparable group of experienced and dedicated educators that is second to none.

Community college professors are among the most courageous and impactful in academia. At the core of their efforts is the proposition of transforming lives through the opportunities of education. Their efforts promise a ticket to the middle class, upward social mobility, the prospect of breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty, and the inherent joy of knowledge and self-discovery. Rejecting exclusion, they advance the values of Democracy's College, where anyone with a penny and a dream can enter any one of our campuses and transform their lives. They deliver like no other!

TALES promises to take the reader on a journey through transformational academics. Anchored on student achievement and success, the foundations of the journal encapsulate the spirit of our educators, transformationalists who assert that opportunity changes everything! I invite you to connect with this vibrant community of practitioner-scholars to explore, question, assert, and celebrate the art and science of teaching and learning.

I am proud to join President Sandra Kurtinitis, Associate Professor and Editor-in-Chief Robin Minor, and the extraordinary CCBC faculty in welcoming readers and future contributors to the launch of *TALES*. Discover *TALES from CCBC*—the incredible value of education!

