A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome and thank you for considering College of the Mainland.

As you prepare to enter this exciting new phase in your life, we welcome you to learn more about starting your college journey at COM.

You will notice very quickly that COM is like a family. Here, our faculty will help nurture your individual strengths and talents. With caring instructors, flexible classes and limitless opportunities for student success, the COM experience is an experience like no other.

That experience will truly be heightened with the recent passing of the 2023 bond as we now create endless new opportunities to further expand and grow our facilities and programming to better serve the growing needs of our students. Several new programs have recently launched or are on the horizon. Most notably, COM will soon be launching its culinary arts program at the Mainland City Centre. The College will also be expanding its allied health offerings to include Radiology and Dental Hygiene programs. Additionally, we are excited to be launching our new Mitchell Chuoke Jr. Plumbing Program to ensure that COM students are ready to fulfill jobs in this fast-growing industry.

With the top strategic goal of College of the Mainland being student success, we are taking steps to further enhance students' experience in new and innovative ways. COM has merged the Instructional and Student Services divisions into the newly formed Division of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA). By merging the two divisions, COM sees an opportunity to take a holistic approach to ensuring student success

by connecting every student touchpoint from academics and support services.

Furthermore, COM is looking to help students balance their educational and life commitments through its new 8-week session format beginning Fall 2024. The 8-Week Advantage offers huge benefits to students including increased focus on fewer subjects, boosted momentum to keep students motivated, more balance and flexibility, and the ability to more easily attain full-time status.

In a unique distinction, COM has been awarded more than \$9 million in Title V funding to further propel the College's ongoing commitment to serving its diverse student population through a variety of innovative strategies to improve success rates, increase persistence and provide better overall outcomes for COM students.

I encourage you to explore the possibilities and learn more about what makes us remarkably COM. College of the Mainland is making room for the future, and that starts with you.

Dr. Warren Nichols President