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Welcome to College of the Mainland!

Whether you're beginning your college journey or returning to reach new goals, we're honored to be part of your story. At COM, we believe in the power of education to transform lives—and we're here to help you succeed every step of the way.

As the first in my family to attend college, I understand the questions many students face: How do I get started? Can I afford it? Do I belong? Like many of you, I began my journey at a community college while balancing work, school and family responsibilities. That experience changed my life — and inspired me to help others succeed through education.

COM is a place of opportunity and support. Our faculty and staff are committed to helping you thrive. Through initiatives like our 8-Week Advantage - which allows you to take fewer classes at a time while still earning full-time credit - we're helping students stay focused, reduce stress and stay on track. Personalized enrollment coaching, affordable tuition and the Promise Scholarship further remove barriers so you can keep moving forward with confidence.

For nearly 60 years, College of the Mainland has served Galveston County with purpose and pride. When we say Be Bold. Fly High., it's more than a motto—it's a call to aim higher, push boundaries and create the future you imagine.

COM is where bold goals take flight—and we're excited to be part of what's next for you. Whatever your path, know this: You belong here.

Be Bold. Fly High.

Sincerely,

Dr. Helen Castellanos Brewer