

President's Remarks



I can think of very few comparable pleasures as President of Bermuda College than to be offered the opportunity to provide a few thoughts on the significance of the launch of this publication during this 40th anniversary of Bermuda College. *Voices in Education: A Bermuda College Journal* has been more than two years in the making. I heartily commend Ms Lynette Woods and the Bermuda College Publication Committee for both the vision and the fortitude to make this a reality for Bermuda College and for Bermuda.

It is fitting that the tagline for the first edition of *Voices in Education: Journal of Bermuda College* is “Student Success: A National Focus.” This is significant as it aligns with Bermuda College’s mission of Setting Bermuda’s Students on the Paths to Success. All of the articles are original, and they perspicaciously examine the elusive ideal of student success through a kaleidoscope of perspectives. And, as it is an academic journal, one can be confident that the topics have been rigorously researched and defended, and are proven academically sound.

Certainly, when we engage in discussions about student success as a national focus, we would, of necessity, need to be as encompassing or inclusive as possible. And this journal wonderfully and solidly supports that perspective. We ought to claim student success for the traditional and non-traditional students, for workforce development students and university transfer students; as well as for those students with special needs. An encompassing conversation about student success cannot simply include the higher education end of the process, but must include the entire education process, as students move from pre-school to primary, from middle to high school and from high school to tertiary education. As such, we cannot have a conversation about student success without including retention as an inherent part of the equation.

Undoubtedly, this journal will contribute to an ongoing dialogue among educators and, optimally, the broader community regarding student success. It must, if we are to realise a local definition with global significance, to service all of Bermuda’s students.

I wish every success for *Voices in Education: Journal of Bermuda College*. It’s time has come!

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