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Glendale Community College Faculty Members,

Fall Semester 2020 now is underway. Unfortunately, it is another semester of remote work and learning and all the challenges we are forced to meet during this pandemic crisis.

Through it all, however, our GCC family has shown its ability to work together to meet our students' needs. We are finding ways to maintain certain traditions, practices, and approaches that have made GCC a great college while creatively adapting and changing those things that do not work in a remote work and learning environment. As our accurate slogan says, "GCC is ready and able – reliable, adaptable, and affordable." I know that together we will make this school year remarkable.

One of our great traditions at GCC is Fall Faculty Institute Day. But this year, that tradition is one that has been adapted creatively to fit our remote environment.

Thanks to the leadership of Roger Dickes, Academic Senate President; the AS Executive Committee; Lara Kartalian, Professional Development Coordinator; the presenters; and Katie Datko, Instructional Designer; a full day of faculty professional development has been planned.

Please check out the program at <https://tinyurl.com/2020instituteday> to enroll and find session descriptions and links. Then join us on Friday to participate in as many learning and development sessions as possible.

This year, I won't be able to visit with you in person during the Parker Award Luncheon or at the reception outside the Auditorium at the end of the day. Nonetheless, I will see many of you virtually and be thinking of you and the amazing teaching and learning that is going on at GCC due to your creative, thoughtful, and student-focused efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David'.

David Viar
Superintendent/President