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Greetings GCC Faculty,

Institute Day is quickly approaching and with it an opportunity to grow as a community of learners and prepare to better serve our students. Together we will have an opportunity to reflect on our practice, inspire innovation, and learn from each other. To support our efforts, we have lined up a keynote speaker, **Paul Hernandez, PhD**, a nationally recognized speaker and leader in college access and success, community outreach, and pedagogy for educators working with underserved/underprepared students and students at promise. With a central focus on student success, we will have a great number of opportunities to build our capacities and enhance our motivation coming into a new year.

Important in our work is our mutual commitment to GCC and the culture we have cultivated over the years. We have a history of interdisciplinary collaboration and supporting one another. As we come out of the pandemic, rebuilding this academic community is essential to the continuance of our academic excellence and our effectiveness as faculty. To launch our community effort, Institute Day will be held onsite at the Verdugo Campus.

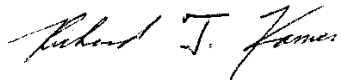
As one of the few days in which we are all required to engage in our academic responsibilities, Institute Day will stand as a grand welcome back and an opportunity to engage colleagues that we have gone years without seeing. It will also allow us to welcome our newly hired faculty to GCC and for them to experience the true value of the community we have taken such care to build.

While more details will be forthcoming, we are excited to see all fulltime faculty and those interested adjunct faculty on Friday, September 8th at the Verdugo Campus.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and your efforts to ensure our excellence in instruction and service.



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