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## Letter from Nathaniel L. Bishop

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April 6, 2022

Dear Community College Supporters:

I have known no higher honor than to serve as a member, and now the chair, of the State Board for Community Colleges. As a proud graduate of New River Community College, I am intimately familiar with the life-changing opportunities that our colleges offer and the incredible people who bring our mission to life every day throughout our twenty-three colleges.

I keep all of that – and all of you – in mind as I lead the unenviable task of replacing a living legend and finding the next chancellor of Virginia’s Community Colleges. You can count on one hand the number of people who have earned the national reputation for community college leadership and innovation that Glenn DuBois has established over the course of his tenure as our chancellor.

This collection of speeches and materials shows us why. As chancellor, DuBois has shown a keen ability to foresee and understand the trends in higher education and workforce training and position our colleges to address those unmet needs across our communities. His leadership in creating the FastForward program, a national model, is giving us genuine hope that federal leaders may soon support credential-seekers through Pell grants. And our recently adopted strategic plan, *Opportunity 2027*, is a terrific bookend to a tenure that has advanced the cause of equity since day one.

I am proud to have spent my time on the Board working with Glenn DuBois and wish him nothing but the best as he eases into retirement. Our community college system is stronger today for his leadership and we are grateful for his more than two decades of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel L. Bishop", written in a cursive style.

Nathaniel L. Bishop, Chair  
State Board for Community Colleges