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It was early April 2014, and I was still a relatively new faculty member at Tidewater Community College when I attended a New Horizons conference and first saw Chancellor DuBois deliver a speech. It was brief, but it was powerful. He captivated the room in addressing the significant impact that open educational resources (OERs) have on student access and innovation. To this day, I still teach with only OERs to keep classes affordable for my students.

I am fortunate to have seen Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Chancellor Emeritus Glenn DuBois speak on several other occasions, and each had a profound impact on me as an educator. To say that it is an honor to have overseen the publication of “A Lasting Legacy,” the two-part special edition of *Inquiry* featuring his speeches and writings is an understatement. These pivotal works reflect the history of Virginia’s community colleges, and these issues of *Inquiry* will be as much a record of DuBois’s leadership and sustained efforts to improve student success and strengthen our communities as it is a monument to his legacy.

Special edition part 1, published in April 2022, featured a selection of DuBois’s works: 14 pieces in total in addition to letters from Chancellor Emeritus Dana Hamel and former Chair of the State Board for Virginia Community Colleges Nathaniel L. Bishop and a preface by Northern Virginia Community College faculty member Charles Errico.

This second special edition provides the complete collection of remaining speeches and writing in chronological order. What is included is all the works composed by DuBois and his longtime collaborator and former Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications Jeffrey Kraus. They cover many eras of the VCCS and cover several strategic plans, important initiatives, and major events that impacted Virginia and the world. This only spans back to 2008, so it does not include every work, but it’s as full a collection as we have.

What is not included is the power of DuBois's delivery, his exceptional elocution abilities, and his ability to inspire audiences small and large with his passion for Virginia's community college students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Also not included is the palpable energy felt in his delivered remarks. Anyone who as fortunate as me to see his talks can certainly relate.

Fortunately, we have access to several videos created by the Virginia Community College System in which DuBois addresses the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, guaranteed transfer agreements, dual enrollment, Great Expectations, ALICE, and other major statewide initiatives he oversaw in his 21 years as chancellor. Those videos are also a part of this massive, multimodal collection.

We hope that you will read, watch, and enjoy these special editions of *Inquiry*, featuring 70 works in total by Chancellor Glenn DuBois. Even with such a wide-ranging set of pieces in this retrospective compilation, we only provide a glimpse into his lasting legacy.