



Opening Activities September 12 – 15, 2017

Message from the President

Greetings, Colleagues —

It is my honor to welcome you back for a new academic year. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the new president of Bellevue College. I also want to thank Dr. Jill Wakefield for sharing her capable leadership as interim president.

This last year was certainly a year of transition for Bellevue College — and also for the nation. Unfortunately, we have seen regrettable steps taken by the federal government that impact our students. At the same time, as we look locally, we see strong support for American values, and a strong economy with changing technology that challenges us to keep pace.

Your Opening Day planning committee has a great day planned with engaging activities to start the year on a very positive note. One major presentation will be on the new framework to aid student success called *Achieving the Dream* (ATD). Having all the faculty and staff together on Opening Day is a perfect opportunity to think and dream together about how each of us, and our institution, can contribute to increasing student success and to making Bellevue College exceptional.

Fall is a time of new beginnings and a time to renew your commitment to each other, to our community and most of all to our students. On Thursday morning, I hope to share with you my initial thoughts on how we can move forward together to meet the challenges of our ever-changing landscape.

Thank you for the great work that all of you continue to do to make Bellevue College an outstanding institution.

Sincerely,

Jerry Weber, Ph.D.
President