A MESSAGE FROM DEAN VALERIO FERME

On July 1, 2019, I became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. I bring to this opportunity the excitement of a new face in a new place, and the awareness that, on a daily basis, our faculty, staff, and students transform our pursuit of knowledge through their accomplishments and engagement. My predecessor, Dean Petren, described the College’s alignment with the three strategic platforms of Next Lives Here (Academic Excellence, Urban Impact, and Innovation). Particularly impressive is the College’s involvement with its urban surroundings. Participation in co-ops and internships continues to increase, with more than 1,000 students involved in service learning, even as the faculty-led The Cincinnati Project shows the power research has to impact urban futures directly; and our Biology faculty invite CPS students to campus to experience the pragmatic wonders of research. Moreover, thanks to a generous endowment pledge of $2.5M, the College has established the Elmer Kizer Community Scholars Program Endowment, which provides scholarships to defray tuition costs. I invite everyone who has the well-being of our College and its disciplines at heart to read about our recent successes, and rekindle the passions that continue to make you—whether alumni, faculty, staff, or students—the foundation that enables the College to thrive. Sincerely,

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Academically, we continue to diversify our curriculum to match the changing needs of students and society alike. Our departmental focus on Urban Impact and Innovation, initiatives like the Digital Media Collaborative, and the Social Justice degree are just a few examples of how we are preparing our students for a wide range of careers. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of background, have the opportunity to succeed at UC. Social justice is at the heart of these initiatives, as it is the cornerstone of a comprehensive field of study that brings together disparate college departments, faculty, staff, and students. The Digital Media Collaborative continues to expand, welcoming an ever-growing number of students into its interdisciplinary degree.

As we move forward, leading to the November 9th bicentennial celebration, the College must continue to evangelize for the university, but also its surrounding communities, donors and alumni, the value of Arts and Sciences. To achieve this, we will continue to strengthen our faculty, staff, and student engagement, and the College’s ability to adapt to our changing world, we must focus on intellectual flexibility, creativity, and critical thinking as a priority. Because they get our graduates’ ability to adapt to a changing world, our disciplines remain foundational in creating an adaptable and engaged citizenry.

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BRINGING NEXT LIVES HERE TO LIFE

Prateek Srivastava

discover dreams

Prateek Srivastava came to A&S as a plan. But in 2019, the double major in journalism and international affairs graduated with a research paper became a book, and he is now helping refugee children. “My ultimate dream job is secretary-general of the United Nations,” he says. “It doesn’t hurt to dream big.”

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Co-op 2.0 is designed to give students who traditionally hire only students from economically disadvantaged and underrepresented minorities. To expand the program’s reach, The $2.5-million Elmer Kizer Community Scholars Fund was established in 2016, the College Possible Success Coaches program designed to promote academic success and retention among Pell Grant recipients and first generation students.

Giving next-level aspirations a competitive edge

In 2019, A&S launched an innovative program designed to promote professional success among A&S graduates themselves—assist recipients and first generation students.

Giving new insights into the future of work

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