

## **Welcome from President Dr. Vernon O. Crawley:**

I am pleased to welcome you to the Moraine Valley Community College family. You have chosen to join one of the more prestigious community colleges in the nation. We hold that honor for good reason. Moraine Valley ranks among the top 8 percent of community colleges in the nation in associate's degrees conferred and fourth nationally in science degrees conferred. As the second largest community college in Illinois, we are a member of the League for Innovation in the Community College and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Moraine Valley puts our students' success first in all we do. We focus on offering our students an excellent education at an affordable price. Our experienced faculty provide caring and expert instruction. Our enrollment continues to grow, and we are proud to report that more than one-third of the public high schools students in our district choose Moraine Valley to start their college educations.

Part of that growth can be attributed to the increasing number of adults who are returning to college or starting anew at Moraine Valley. We maintain close relationships with business and industry, which helps us ensure we are offering programs that will lead to a well-trained workforce.

You are joining an exciting, changing institution. We are in the midst of a campus expansion that will bring new and expanded classroom and lab facilities, as well as enhanced technology resources to serve our students. We have plans to build a new Southwest Education Center in the district to serve residents living in those communities to attend classes closer to their homes and jobs.

I am indeed proud of the outstanding work we do at Moraine Valley. So, once again, I welcome you and urge you to contribute your talents to help keep Moraine Valley the premier institution it is. You will see how we truly are changing lives for a changing world.

---Dr. Vernon O. Crawley