## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

## Dear Students:

Welcome to Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College. I am very excited for you and your family. Your choice to attend college here inspires my team and I to create a college environment for you that will help you achieve your educational goals.

My team is very experienced, and they have a strong desire to help you succeed. My experience as a leader in higher education helps me to focus in on what is important to you. I can attest to you that we are affordable, our locations are convenient, we employ quality teachers, our space and equipment is contemporary, and our services are personable and tailored to your needs.

We are reinventing ourselves. We have hit the reset button on our important work which is for YOU! We are working hard to increase enrollment, create partnerships to bring in financial and other types of resources, and we are engaging with our communities. We are doing these things and much more because every friend and dollar we raise will help us to build a campus and programs that will take us to the next level for you and future students. You will be able to take advantage of many of these things while you are a student here. In other instances, you will be a part of the vision and planning and years later, you can come back to campus and see how things have improved since you graduated.

Our reward is watching you grow, learn, and mature. You will never be the same once you receive your education. So, while you are here, learn about Ojibwe Culture and Language, learn about other cultures and belief systems, meet new people, try new things, and explore who you are and who you want to become. We are here for you.

On behalf of our Board of Regents, Faculty, Support Staff, and Student Leadership, Welcome.

Sincerely,

Russell Swagger, Ph.D. President Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College

