

## HELLO FROM PRESIDENT MARY GRANT

July 15, 2021

Dear MassArt Community,

Today I officially begin my role as President of MassArt. I am privileged to join this talented, passionate, and engaged community and I look forward to getting to know and work with you!

In the coming weeks I look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn from all of you. As we gear up for the new academic year we will gather and connect – both in person and virtually. As I explore the campus, I will be dropping in to say hello along the way and I will be meeting with stakeholders, friends, and supporters across the community.

We have all been through an awful lot in the last year and a half. Some of us have suffered more loss than others, but for all of us I hope that this summer offers some much needed time to renew, refresh, and recharge. Finally, once again we can connect with (and hug!) family, friends, and loved ones.

We will have great opportunities ahead to renew and deepen partnerships and friendships, to welcome and be inspired by our talented students as we begin a new academic year. Together, we will build on MassArt's extraordinary 148-year legacy of creating pathways for students to lead and innovate in the fields of art and design, and to be the problem-solvers and the innovative thinkers and doers that we need now more than ever. I have no doubt that we - the creative sector - will continue to provide inspirational leadership, heart, and humanity as we move forward.

I look forward to meeting you. My very best, and my thanks for the difference that you make,

Mary K. Grant, PhD President Massachusetts College of Art and Design