

## ***Congratulations From...***

***Jere W. Morehead, President of the University of Georgia***  
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The 20th anniversary of the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* offers the University of Georgia an opportunity to celebrate with our fellow readers the enduring bond between higher education and the public. Employing our strengths in teaching, research, and public service to address problems confronting an ever-changing and increasingly complex society is among our most honorable callings. Universities throughout the United States offer a variety of ways to connect their academic resources to the needs of communities. As a land- and sea-grant institution, the University of Georgia is responsive to the wide range of educational, social, and economic needs of our home state. Perhaps nowhere is this role more evident than in the work of public service, outreach, and engagement. Through academic and community programs, universities collaborate with governments, community leaders, small-business owners, industries, and students to build capacity and find innovative solutions to some of our most difficult challenges.

These activities require a distinctive type of academic expertise that promotes interdisciplinary and collaborative work, as well as inclusive thinking and action. The *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* has served as a vehicle to advance theory and practice related to all forms of outreach and engagement between higher education institutions and communities. The University of Georgia is deeply appreciative of our Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, our Institute of Higher Education, and our College of Education for their administration of the *Journal* these many years. I also extend my congratulations to our lineage of editors and editorial board members for their valuable perspectives and stewardship of the *Journal*. Each of them has furthered access to the important scholarship of public service, outreach, and engagement, demonstrating the impact that vigorous academic work has on individual states, our nation, and the world.

