In academic year 2017-18, the University of Maryland College of Education began a strategic planning process to continue our pursuit of impact through academic excellence and to support our standing as an eminent college of education. Led by a steering committee composed of insightful and forward-thinking faculty, staff, and students, the process built on the efforts of four work groups and input from the College community gathered through surveys, convenings, and a College-wide retreat.

Our work resulted in the creation of new vision, mission, and values statements and the identification of three pillars of action that we will address in the coming years:

- Promoting our Culture of Scholarship
- Creating Innovative Instructional Programs
- Fostering Strategic Partnerships

While we will continue to support our existing successful efforts and activities on a variety of fronts, these pillars identify areas that we will elevate and support as we lead the field toward the future. How we achieve the goals articulated in our vision and in this plan is what will set us apart from our peers.

This strategic plan is a living document that lays the foundation for innovative new initiatives, balanced with careful attention to providing value to our local community and state. The plan will evolve and grow as we do.

I am grateful to the many individuals – both internal and external to the College – who participated in the lively exchanges that resulted in this strategic plan. Our diverse and engaged community will be key to the success of this plan, and ultimately, to that of the College of Education.

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PILLAR 1

**PROMOTING OUR CULTURE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

**GOAL 1**
Advance the body of knowledge in disciplines across the College of Education, in terms of quality, quantity, and synergy.

Create knowledge about critical facets of education and human development.

**GOAL 2**
Magnify the impact of our research through communication, visibility, and translation.

PILLAR 2

**CREATING INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

**GOAL 1**
Strategically balance our offerings.

Prepare students to be the next generation of scholars, educators, and transformative leaders.

**GOAL 2**
Develop infrastructure and incentives for learning transformation.

**GOAL 3**
Reimagine our role in educator preparation.

PILLAR 3

**FOSTERING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

**GOAL 1**
Create a culture that fosters the development of research-practice grants, projects, and collaborations in support of partnerships.

**GOAL 2**
With local education agencies, formalize long-term collaborative institutional partnerships focused on educator development, research, school/program improvement, and policy.

**GOAL 3**
Leverage our location and reputation to foster engagement in local, state, national, and international education efforts.

Improve lives in Maryland and throughout the broader national and International community.