Subdue people with goodness.

― Peng Chun Chang, B.A. 1913, quoting the Chinese philosopher Mencius on the floor of the U.N.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear alumni, family and friends,

Clark University’s partnership with the Worcester community manifests itself in many ways, perhaps none greater than our shared commitment to the city’s schools. Our contribution to public education is largely shaped through Clark’s Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), the first program of its kind to be awarded the highest level of approval by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The “with distinction” designation recognizes exemplary performance and serves as a model for other programs in the state and across the country. The excellence of the MAT program is testament to the talent and dedication of our students, staff and faculty, and provides the foundation to change children’s lives in our community.

Clark’s Master of Arts in Teaching exemplifies the ways in which scholarship, teaching and community engagement come together as a force for transformative education. The MAT is administered through Clark’s Adam Institute for Urban Teaching and School Practice and reflects our investment in developing forward-looking models of teacher education that empower all high school students to attend college without regard to family circumstance. We achieve this goal through a practice-based educational approach in which our students spend a full year working in a school alongside experienced teachers. This school-based practice is informed by Clark University’s cutting-edge scholarship, especially in sociocultural understandings of learning and English language development. In this way, the MAT program reflects Clark’s emphasis on bridging the classroom and the world.

Our practice-based immersive approach to urban education hinges on the partnerships we have forged with schools in our neighborhood and across Worcester. We work at the high school level with University Park Campus School, Claremont Academy and South High Community School, with an array of elementary schools, and a middle school. These partnerships are also critical to the University Park Partnership that links Clark’s success to the success of the surrounding community, specifically the Main South neighborhood. More than 100 MAT graduates teach in area urban schools, and our undergraduate students mentor and support Worcester children both in the schools and elsewhere in the city.

Please join me in congratulating our students, staff and faculty for this recognized excellence. This is Clark University at its best, changing lives and delivering on our promise to Challenge Convention and Change our World.

Sincerely,

DAVID P. ANGEL, President