

## Letter From the Editors

The sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom, and summer will soon be here in Central New York. We hope you will all be to find rest and rejuvenation as the busyness of the semester recedes. We need those moments of stillness and recuperation to stay energized for the work we still need to do. The end of the academic year is a time to pause and take stock, to look back on the successes and challenges of the year just past, and to set new goals and priorities for the year to come. In that spirit, Julia and I are ending our terms as co-editors of *Excelsior*. We are honored to have been able to shepherd the journal into this online, open-access format; to streamline processes for submission and review; to increase readership; and to build enriching relationships with authors, reviewers, and the entire NYACTE Board. We have learned so much and feel grateful for the opportunity to grow with the journal. We owe a particular debt of gratitude to all of you that have served as reviewers over the last five years. Your expertise and your time are incredibly valuable, and we thank you for sharing them with this community. The last few years have been a trying time in academia and in PK12 education. We have faced new challenges, new attacks on the profession, and new demands on our time. Your contributions as authors and reviewers are a testament to your commitment to the betterment of the field. We applaud you and we thank you.

We are further pleased to announce that the Syracuse University Libraries will continue to host the journal through the open access [bepress platform](#) and are poised and ready to work with a new editorial team. You will find a call for proposals at the end of this issue. We invite you to reflect on this possibility and consider applying to be the next editorial team. Julia and I will remain in our current roles until after new year to support a smooth transition in leadership. We encourage you to contact us if you have questions about the role or want to learn more.

Thanks to the authors who contributed to this issue. We hope you use some time in the coming months to engage with these important manuscripts. And we hope you continue to submit your work for potential publication. Although our reviewer system is taking longer than usual, we would still like to invite proposals for special issues and guest editors. It might take a little longer for reviews, but we are committed to not interrupting the publication schedule of the journal. Take care of yourselves and each other over these warm summer months. We look forward to hearing from you!

Best Wishes,

Christy and Julia