Note from the Chair

Dear LIFE Community,

The Department of Biological Sciences is looking forward to the following events:

- **Goal #1:** Promote diversity and inclusion through education and engagement. We aim to foster an inclusive environment that values diversity and promotes equal opportunities. We encourage equal job opportunities and advancement for all candidates. We will strive to maintain a positive, respectful, and inclusive workplace culture.

- **Goal #2:** Encourage individual growth and achieve equity and access in education and training opportunities. We will promote equal opportunities in education and training. We will support and encourage students, faculty, and staff to achieve their full potential.

- **Goal #3:** Teach the next generation to be effective communicators and leaders. We will encourage and support ongoing professional development and skills training for students and faculty. We will provide opportunities for students to present research posters and talks.

- **Goal #4:** Inspire and prepare the next generation to solve tomorrow’s biological challenges through innovative teaching, mentoring, and service experiences. We will promote a culture of lifelong learning and encourage our students to engage in research and community service.

Recent grants and professional recognition for students, faculty, and staff are testament to our efforts to achieve these goals and particularly to prepare our students for the challenges to come. With the help of our generous supporters, we have been able to fulfill our strategic goals.

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement as we strive to achieve our mission and fulfill our strategic goals. We hope you are enjoying the spring and new life coming forth.

Thank you and take care.

Saara J. DeWalt, Chair

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