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Dear MTVA Members and Prospects,

I am honored and privileged to welcome you to a new school year as members of MTVA! I am excited about the opportunity to serve as president of this outstanding organization. I hope you will contact me at any time that I may be of service to you.

MTVA is a strong association that seeks to promote excellence through its many events. Our incoming officers have already demonstrated a commitment to this ideal in the work they have done. As important as their leadership is, each of us, as members, participates in our mission in the most direct, powerful way—through our daily interaction with students. Let us never forget that we choose to teach *precisely because* someone once chose to teach us! Take the time to recall that person who made such a difference in your life.

I hope that each of you found some way to be refreshed this summer, so that you return to your tasks in this school year with somewhat of a new professional “face”. For some of you, it might have been a workshop you attended; for others, a book you read or a teacher that enlightened you. For me, it was the 25th reunion of my high school choir that inspired me. It was Mr. Trego who helped to shape me so long ago, and who continues to do so today. What an awesome responsibility we have to emulate those who we hold so dear!

Because this is such a high calling, it is all the more necessary that we build each other up as a community. Get to know one another and share professional secrets! Our jobs are not easy, if they are to be done well. But we can learn so much from each other! Let us work together in a spirit of cooperation, for we share a common goal, as individual teachers and as an organization.

Have a wonderful school year!

Jeanette MacCallum  
President  
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