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Dear Readers,

It gives us great pleasure to bring to you the third issue of the *Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Technology* (MPJBT). The journal would not have seen the light of day if not for the strong support and sponsorship of both UNK's College of Business and Technology, and UNK's Library.

This third issue of MPJBT is headlined by an essay written by Dr. Charles Bicak, Senior Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student life at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. We, as editors, invited him to share the story of his professional journey to become the vice-chancellor and asked him to share the advice he would give faculty who might find themselves inadvertently pushed into administration beyond their comfort zone. The conversational style he employs certainly hits home the point that courage, more than aspiration, leads to better professional growth. One does not know the entirety of their skill set unless they are willing to step up and step outside their comfort zone. The ten themes he discusses, and his concluding remarks, are most insightful. There are several relevant lessons in this essay for those who have been pushed into or sought out administrative roles in academia.

This issue places emphasis on matters faced in Higher Education. The first article, by Farnworth and her colleagues, is an empirical pedagogical piece that explores the impact of peer reviews on student writing skills, finding that peer reviews can improve the quality of student's writing. The second, by Hollman and his colleagues, shares some ideas and strategies on how to combat academic cheating by students given the ubiquitous technological tools available to students. This is followed by a discussion of the funding of higher education in the United States by Van den Berg.

Our next issue is slated for publication in December 2021. It will focus on Cyber-related topics such as Cyber Operations, Cyber Security, Cyber Fraud, Cyber Threats, Digital Forensics, Ransomware, Cyber Conflict, etc. as they impact on SMEs, non-profits, institutions of higher learning, government agencies and other organizations. We seek scholarly papers, conceptual or empirical, as well as case studies related to Cyber-related topics. You will see the related Call for Papers in this issue.

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