

## Editorial

The aspiration of the 2019 Journal of Invitational Theory and Practice (JITP) is to further advance the tenets of Invitational Education (IE). Advocates of IE theory know others are better served by inviting and modeling dialogue that promotes critical thinking. By contrast, showing contempt only destroys motivation and incites division. Therefore, let intentionality, care, optimism, respect, and trust (I-CORT) guide all your educational and leadership endeavors. May the year 2020 provide perfect clarity, many endeavors to nurture an intentionally inviting stance, and numerous opportunities to encourage optimal human potential.

The research and documented practices within the 2019 JITP reinforce how Invitational Education Theory and Practice provides an interdependent framework to empower people, places, policies, programs, and processes (the Five P's). The IE framework addresses "the total culture or ecosystem of almost any organization" ([Purkey and Siegel, 2013, p. 104](#)). Crucially, research involving documented practices herein exhibits the ease with which IE theory and practice reinforces other conceptual frameworks and approaches. Thus the "direction and purpose for all Invitational thought and action" (Purkey & Novak, 2016, p 11) sustains successful educational practices, thereby strengthening minds, freeing spirits, and enriching societies.

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Sincerely,

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