

BE HERE BE YOU BELONG

Dear Members of the Nazareth College Community,

Each of us has a story. We are a campus made up of individuals of different backgrounds, identities, and life experiences. In my first year as Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, I have had the privilege to hear many of your stories. A number of these stories are ones of students, faculty, and staff who have successfully found their place at Nazareth. However, I have also listened to stories of isolation and exclusion. Stories of individuals who struggle to experience the sense of belonging that we desire for all members of our campus community. We can do better. We must be better.

One of the priorities of our division is to educate and empower our entire campus to intentionally build a Community of Belonging. Creating a community where everyone has a genuine experience of belonging is a shared responsibility of each and every one of us. Together we can foster a campus that strives to create a culture of support and care for all of our students, staff and faculty.

Please listen to the stories of these Nazareth students as they share their struggles and successes of their own journeys to belong at Nazareth. I see these videos as a first installment in a series of stories of belonging from students, staff and faculty. I would like to hear from you! How have you experienced community at Nazareth and what role do you see yourself having in building our shared sense of belonging? I invite you to add your story to these by submitting your experience and perspective in whatever medium you're most comfortable — including words, photography, video, audio (spoken, or a musical composition), or an image of a piece of artwork. **Use the button below.**

If you share your experience, you will get a “Be Here. Be You. Belong” T-shirt (while supplies last).

Creating a Community of Belonging,
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