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**Grußwort Prof. David Hales**  
**President, College of the Atlantic**

Dear Colleagues,

From College of the Atlantic, we send you greetings with great admiration for your efforts, and best wishes for your success.

40 years ago, COA began with one employee, a valiant group of local volunteers, and high hopes. Our home was a small woodframe building (not quite a log cabin, but close!) Our ambition was to establish an experimental, alternative approach to higher education.

Today, we are still very alternative, but no longer an experiment. We are fully accredited, financially sound, and widely recognized for our academic excellence. We have also become an anchor institution for our local community, with a positive economic contribution to our regional economy which exceeds \$20 Million each year.

The model of a small college, focused on its educational mission - understanding the relationship of humans to each other and the worlds around us - is a successful one, but it is not easy. It requires an excellent faculty dedicated to teaching, committed and persistent local support, and patience.

For a sense of the factors that are necessary to our success, I invite you to visit our website, [www.coa.edu](http://www.coa.edu).

We wish you wisdom in your deliberations, and success in your efforts.

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