



October 3, 2010

Dear colleagues and friends of The Renaissance Group:

Welcome to the Fall 2010 Conference!

In keeping with our tradition of excellence to offer unique, outstanding professional development opportunities for members and friends of TRG, we come together once again (during our 21<sup>st</sup> year) as a family of professionals to share our best educational practices and explore new ways to improve teaching and learning.

This year's Conference Theme "*From Chalkboards to Smart Boards; Preparing a New Generation of Educators for America's Schools*" was chosen to help serve as a reminder that the successful application of technology can facilitate all that we do personally and professionally. We have a full and most exciting agenda planned, and truly believe the sessions and the speakers we are honored to host for the next two days will successfully contribute to how we view and apply technology as a positive force in our teacher preparation programs.

We also believe that by coming together in a focused, academic environment, we will return home and to our places of employment with a renewed sense of hope and enthusiasm knowing that in The Renaissance Group we will always be that supportive family of professionals, who may not have all of the answers today, but who will not stop searching until they do.

During the next two days, we ask that you actively participate in as many conference activities as possible, including the formal and informal celebrations that have been planned for us. We wish you a most enjoyable and productive experience, and look forward to many more TRG collaborative ventures as we continue to seek ways to improve our programs and ultimately improve teaching and learning. Thank you!

Respectfully,

John Counts, President of the Governing Board

Michael Giovannetti, Executive Director