



A Message from Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, Ph.D., FACHE

The *UNCP Fermentation Facility* is one of the many exciting projects which the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has undertaken as we continue to enhance the execution of our mission. The University exists to serve the students and communities of our state and especially Southeast North Carolina. The *UNCP Fermentation Facility* project focuses the strength of our institution, students, faculty, staff and administrators together for the benefit of the University's service region. As you will discover in this Viewbook, our fermentation facility is a pathway for translating theory into practice. Our goals are threefold: (1) Preparing and equipping our students for bright futures; (2) Providing a model for regional economic benefit by catalyzing the establishment of technology; (3) Research, technology transfer and partnerships with industry and other universities.

With over 150 companies, North Carolina is a national leader in biotechnology. This industry creates an ever-increasing economy both in the state and the world over. North Carolina biotechnology brings us pharmaceuticals, medical platforms, agricultural technologies, environmental and industrial applications which make our state one of the most desirable regions in which to live, work and play. Our needs and opportunities for scientists, business leaders and educators will increasingly unfold as the present biotechnology century comes of age. Southeast North Carolina will find itself building a technology industry supporting its broad agricultural economy. UNC Pembroke has been planning for these transitions and is responding to the state's call for developing excellence in this arena. Over the past decade, we have established biotechnology programs and curriculum, which provide our students and faculty with opportunities for research, training and professional growth. The University is partnering with biotechnology companies to open more windows of opportunity for all stakeholders.

The *UNCP Fermentation Facility* promises to distinguish our University, our people and our region as having the vision to prepare for the coming technological landscape, which is just only beginning to bear fruit for a more healthy and prosperous North Carolina. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to bring to bear the resources of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in shaping this future.

Thank you for supporting our university,

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Chancellor