



**Message from Noel A. Ysasi, Ph.D., CRC
President, American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (2018-2019)**

Dear Members and Colleagues,

Thank you for electing me as the 2018-2019 ARCA President. Having served on ARCA for approximately five years, I have had the privilege and honor to work with some of the most recognized and influential leaders within our profession. Now having the opportunity to serve as President, I attend to build upon the successes of recent years through various collaborative efforts which include working with ARCA board leaders, ARCA members, and our parent organization, the American Counseling Association (ACA). As ARCA continues to have historical roots dating back to 1954, we are proud to say we continue to have a longstanding and inextricable relationship with ACA and other affiliated divisions. Not only does this strengthen our ability to have an influential impact on the population we serve, but it demonstrates our commitment towards promoting and fighting for social justice and equality for all. I believe one of ARCA's greatest strengths is not only our ability to advocate for persons with disabilities (whether it be mental health, physical, or both), but the belief and commitment towards promoting equality for all persons regardless of race, gender, religion, and sexual orientation.

However, the success of ARCA is dependent upon your continued loyalty and support. We are grateful for each and every leader and member who has contributed towards paving a roadmap that has led to our past and present successes. Let's continue with this tradition and make this year a great one!

Sincerely,

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