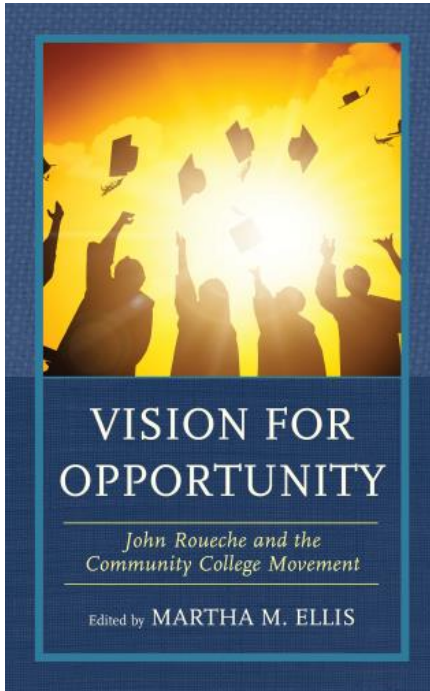


Vision for Opportunity

John Roueche and the Community College Movement

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“Bravo to the authors of this book dedicated to John Roueche, a man who has dedicated his life to “paying it forward.” With a commitment to students, he is exemplary in creating an outstanding talent pool of community college leaders. Among the many testimonials to his passion and contribution, I stand proud to call him a friend. John is tireless in his efforts to change people’s lives through access to higher education, with a heartfelt celebration of the importance of equity. The authors are among thousands who have left their mark on community colleges, in many ways due to John. This book is inspiring reading for anyone interested in higher education and the impact of strong leadership.”— **Barbara Gellman-Danley**, PhD, president, Higher Learning Commission

“All of us engaged in community college reform-especially in the realm of developing transformational leaders-owe much to the foundational work of John Roueche. By helping readers understand the origins and motivations behind his tireless efforts, this volume illuminates the incredible contributions Roueche has made to community colleges and the diverse students they serve. — **Josh Wyner**, founder and executive director, Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program

“*Vision for Opportunity: John Roueche and the Community College Movement* provides a unique look at community college history through the lens of one extraordinary leader’s life and contributions. Told by some of the most influential and impactful community college leaders, the stories reveal the character of an entrepreneurial educator, dedicated to diversity and committed to seeding community colleges with the leaders needed for future success. Whether you know Dr. Roueche personally, know the CCLP story, or want an insider's view of the community college movement, *Vision for Opportunity* is for you.”— **Karla Fisher**, provost, Maricopa Community Colleges

This book explores the influence of John Edward Roueche on individual lives and community colleges across the United States. Through stories and research of his years in the community college vineyard, the book follows the professional chronology of John’s life from childhood to today. While segments of his life history are included in the chapters, this is not a biography. This work is a collection of voices on the impact of John from many perspectives. Themes run throughout the chapters that paint a picture of this man. Hopefully you, the reader, will smile, laugh, reflect, and enjoy the life and influence of John Edward Roueche.

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