

Note from the President: November 2025



By Professor Charlotte Benson
ACVA President

Dear Friends of ACVA –

We hope this note finds you and your families doing well and coping with the tumult that's been in play for the past month or so. For those Americans adversely affected by that difficult situation, at least the US government is open again.

The College has had another busy month! Dr. Lynn Bootes, Dean of Students, and the rest of our wonderful faculty have been taking good care of our bright students. Dr. Bootes really keeps the wheels turning here at ACVA.

Professor Juliana Swanson has been diligently at work revising and perfecting our carefully curated curriculum. Professor Swanson has been offering her brilliant scholarship and experience in Jyotisha to ACVA for the past three years. You probably know that ACVA offers shastra-based courses, curated from a wide variety of respected, ancient source material. Juliana has done a beautiful job of refining this legacy knowledge, making it available to our contemporary students. Special thanks to her this month.

Our collaborations with Kepler College nationally, and with Dharma Vedas internationally, continue to develop. There are a lot of moving pieces with both institutions. We'll let you know as things evolve, early in 2026. It's a very exciting expansion of ACVA's mission!

The Maharishi Parasara Conference, the largest online Jyotish conference in the world, is ongoing and still available for registrations. I will be presenting, as will ACVA Editor-in-Chief Alan Annand. Please join us! Register here: <https://www.parasharaconference.com/registration>

The annual ACVA Graduation and Awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We will be honoring our graduates, of course, and bestowing some very special awards. Please see our "Coming Events" page.

We hope you enjoy and benefit from the excellent articles in this edition.

Until next month, stay well. And keep looking up!

Fondly, Charlotte,

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