

Appendix 8

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the CSUSB community. I give thanks for each and every one of you for your tremendous commitment to helping realize our university's promise of access, quality instruction, caring service and student success.

I am especially thankful for the people who make our great university work:

- Our world-class faculty, recognized leaders in their respective fields who provide exemplary work in the classroom, conduct respected research, and who advise and mentor our students.
- Our kind and dedicated staff, highly qualified and involved in nearly every aspect of service, maintenance and support that enhances our learning environment.
- Our alumni, who mirror the best qualities of CSUSB in their jobs and lives, many more of whom are returning to their alma mater to contribute their time, expertise and resources.
- Our students, the true reason this university exists, who bring us boundless energy and the desire to learn, excel, and achieve so much for themselves, their families and their communities.

I am also truly thankful for the common bond we all share – a commitment to diversity, social justice and equality. It connects us as a university, as does our commitment to service. Choosing to make other lives better uplifts us all.

We can be proud that our community is endeavoring to be respectful of each other, of listening and sharing thoughts and ideas, and acknowledging that, for all our differences, we have far more in common than that which divides us.

My wish to you is that you enjoy the spirit and the festiveness of Thanksgiving, whether spending it with family, friends or in service to others less fortunate. We all have so much for which to be thankful, now and throughout the year.

Thank you for making CSUSB a place where dreams are fulfilled and the future is brightened by the many things you do.

Please enjoy a happy, healthy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

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