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Subject: Year-End Message

Dear Faculty,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to express my appreciation for your commitment and exceptional contributions to our students and institution. As with the past few years, we were met with distinct challenges, including the continued fallout from COVID-19, severely damaged buildings and instructional disruptions due to campus-wide flooding in September, and unrelenting rain and snowstorms in early spring. Yet, we remained true to our mission and to ensuring our students had every opportunity for transformational educational experiences.

Among the highlights, more than 3,100 students have active graduation checks for spring 2023. Student participation in Winter Intersession increased by 18 percent. The university experienced another record high in graduate student enrollment, with new graduate student enrollment (masters and doctoral) rising by 7 percent and post-baccalaureate enrollment (credentials, second bachelor, masters, and doctoral) increasing by 5 percent.

Sixty faculty completed the 2022-23 Faculty Development Certificate Program. Nealy 120 grant proposals were submitted through April 30, and the university received 69 new awards notices for an estimated award of more than \$53.7 million (preliminary figures). We also continued engagement efforts in the community, ranging from packing 75,000 meals for local food pantries to a new Entrepreneurial Resource Center in Temecula slated to open this summer.

As we transition to summer, I wanted to thank each of you for your tireless efforts to educate, mentor and support our students, so they thrive academically and personally; advancing knowledge through scholarship and creative activities; work and engagement with our community partners; and enhancing your professional growth. The dedication, expertise, and compassion you bring to your roles have an immeasurable impact on the lives of our students and communities.

I wish you all a restful, rejuvenating, and productive summer filled with joy, peace, and new adventures, and I look forward to partnering with you in AY 2023-24.

Sincerely,
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