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Dear Faculty,

Welcome to the first full week of spring classes. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season and winter break.

We begin the new year with some notable achievements. CSUSB was one of three CSU campuses to experience an increase in FTES and headcount from fall 2021 to fall 2022. More than 1,460 students graduated in fall 2022. In addition, 1,430 students attended winter intersession, representing an 18 percent increase from the prior year. Grant submissions and awards continue to climb, and a record number of faculty participated in Academic Research's most recent Grant Writing Academy. For additional accomplishments, see our [fall 2022 newsletter](#).

This semester, we will continue to advance the university's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. A draft will be shared at a feedback forum in March (details to follow). In the meantime, please share your ideas related to one or more of the four goals – Student Success, Faculty and Staff Success, Diversity, Equity Inclusion and Internationalization – via the [“Share Your Voice!”](#) button. The division will also continue to advance the GI 2025 and Eliminating Equity Gaps Plan and begin an examination of online courses and potential new doctoral programs.

Thank you all for your efforts and support. I wish you and yours a wonderful and healthy 2023!

Sincerely,  
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