

Dear Colleagues and Students,

Last Monday, CSU Chancellor Tim White announced his plans to retire in 2020. Since he first assumed the office in 2012, he has provided tremendous leadership, vision and support to the system's 23 campuses, including Cal State San Bernardino.

It has been my great pleasure to work with Chancellor White, whom I consider a good friend and valued colleague. He is one of the most caring senior administrators I have had the privilege to serve with during my professional career.

A recognized champion of inclusive excellence and student success, he has positioned the CSU as a state and national leader in higher education. His efforts to promote an inclusive and accepting environment for all students, faculty and staff have helped make the CSU the most diverse university system in the U.S. That passion stems from his own experience of being the first in his family to attend college and earn a degree, an attribute he shares with 81 percent of CSUSB undergraduates.

Chancellor White has been a driving force behind the CSU's Graduation Initiative 2025, which seeks to increase graduation rates, decrease time to degree and eliminate achievement gaps for all students. That plan has increased faculty recruitment, added additional advisors and student support staff, and provided additional resources and classes.

A dedicated and thoughtful leader, he has reinforced our university's commitment to diversity and strengthened our educational mission. His achievements as chancellor will continue to influence students throughout this state for generations to come.

On behalf of the extended CSUSB community, I extend our sincere appreciation to Chancellor White and wish him a rewarding and fulfilling future.

Sincerely,  
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