

Dear Colleagues,

With the close of another successful spring term, I want to say how much I appreciate the time, talent and enthusiasm all of you contribute to this university and our students. Continuing our mission of helping students succeed and achieve their personal and professional aspirations is a collaborative effort, with the entire campus community playing an essential role.

Along with directly affecting our students, these cooperative efforts are garnering national attention. Forbes Magazine lists us as one of the nation's Best Value Colleges in recognition of our efforts to provide exceptional education while seeking to minimize the financial burden for students. Money magazine places us among the country's top 50 schools for transfer students. Hispanic Outlook recognizes us as a U.S. leader in awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanics as well as total Hispanic enrollment.

This university continues to grow in size and scope. At San Bernardino, the Coyote Village student housing complex and Coyote Commons dining hall, which opened last fall, have quickly become a central part of campus life. We broke ground on the three-story, 120,000-square foot Santos Manuel Student Union expansion earlier this month, and next fall we will celebrate the grand opening of the College of Extended & Global Education's Center for Global Innovation.

At Palm Desert, we look forward to implementing new programs and opportunities that will serve both our growing student body and the Coachella Valley. Next month Joseph Tormey starts as director of our new Hospitality Management Program, with the Entrepreneurship Program and National CyberSecurity Academy scheduled to come on line in the ensuing months.

The CSUSB college experience reaches beyond the classroom. Students have the chance to excel in research opportunities, study abroad, internships and programs such as our internationally recognized Model U.N. and Model Arab League. Student community service hours continue to rise, the DEN Food Pantry now has locations on both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses, and Washington Monthly magazine lists us as one of the nation's Best Colleges for Student Voting, highlighting everything we do to help students become engaged and responsible citizens.

Our more than 100,000 alumni are an important part of our community, both in supporting their alma mater and by serving as mentors and role models. It was a proud moment in February when alumnus James Ramos '02 held his public swearing-in ceremony on campus after being elected to represent the 40th State Assembly District.

As we approach the close of the fiscal year, it is exciting to report that our talented faculty and staff received approximately \$30 million in grant proposals and we have successfully raised more than \$53 million in our comprehensive campaign, making it the largest single fundraising initiative in university history.

Thank you for everything you do for our students, colleagues, and campus community. I wish all of you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President