

Dear Coyote Family,

Each year, the Thanksgiving holiday signals a time of remembrance, reflection and gratitude.

Looking back on this semester, I have been extremely grateful for the ability to interact with you all again in person -- students, faculty, staff and alumni of CSUSB. I've been inspired by your stories of experience, strength, determination and hope during these unprecedented times.

I am particularly grateful for the flexibility, persistence and innovation demonstrated by our faculty and staff during the past year. I recognize that you've all worked tirelessly to achieve our collective vision for student success. Your dedicated efforts to ensure our students' access to high-quality education further fueled their momentum toward meeting their academic goals.

In turn, I extend my gratitude and respect to our CSUSB students for the patience, resilience, adaptability, perseverance and determination you've demonstrated this year as you've navigated new systems of learning via sometimes unfamiliar learning platforms.

I also offer my thanks and admiration to the many students who have generously given more than 10,000 hours of service to San Bernardino and Riverside County communities during the past year. Your selflessness is a source of inspiration during the holiday season and throughout the year, and offers a timely reminder to give back and support others in need.

There are many things for which to be grateful as we reflect upon the past year, and I will name just a few: the successful reaccreditation visit from the Western Senior College and University Commission; progress on the expansion of the Santos Manuel Student Union, which will open in February; the completion of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategic Plan; and, the recent grand opening of the new Digital iHub, located across from the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the focus, hard work and commitment of you, the CSUSB community.

As I close, please remember: if you are feeling unwell, do not come to campus. Take care of yourself and your colleagues by doing so.

On Thanksgiving Day, many of us are looking forward to our first in-person holiday with

extended family and friends in well over a year, which is truly a reason to be grateful. From my family to yours, I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

**Tomás D. Morales**

President